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Super leagues — the cure for soccer's ills and a lure for big sponsors

The States' super leagues proposal is the most constructive and most sensible solution yet offered as a cure to soccer's ills. It must be frustrating to everyone who has the welfare of soccer at heart that the National League opposes super leagues not because they are a bad idea but rather for political reasons.

The men who run the NSL fear that by competing in federation-run super leagues, they would lose control over top soccer.

Yet even this argument does not stand up to scrutiny.

The States are bending over backwards to accommodate the NSL clubs, so much so that there is no doubt at all that the leaders of those clubs would win positions of power in State Federations should they decide to compete in the super leagues network.

The super leagues concept involves quite simply the best possible clubs in each State competing in an elite league, with the top

teams from the various States playing off in a national championship competition at the end of the season.

The NSL's proposal to enlarge its league from 16 to 24 clubs and then regionalise the league into two regions, made up to two divisions each, is not all that different.

Under this proposal, Section A of the southern region would comprise Heidelberg, Hellas, J.U.S.T., Makedonia and the four strongest clubs from the Victorian State League — presumably Croatia, Juventus, Sunshine-George Cross and perhaps Polonia, Ajax or Falkner.

Similarly, Section A of the northern region would include the five Sydney-based NSL

clubs plus the three strongest from the NSW State League.

It's the same concept as the States' proposed super leagues.

The difference is that the super leagues would be State-controlled, while the National League has its own management committee, which is answerable to the ASF.

But is it really a difference?

Super leagues also would have their own management committees, so the member clubs still would be in control of their own destinies. In fact, they would have greater control, for as federation members, it is possible for them to put up delegates to the ASF.

Theoretically then present NSL officials eventually could comprise the bulk of the NSL

delegates whereas at the moment, the NSL has only one delegate on the ASF.

So much for the NSL's argument of losing A* control.

I have written ever since the NSL started that the concept of the league is all wrong.

A country as large as Australia needs a much bigger spectator base to justify such a huge outlay on travel and accommodation.

The parochial and fiercely partisan nature of the Australian soccer fan also works against a national league being successful in the long run... and this is an argument supported fully by the NSL itself.

The NSL acknowledges that fans are interested only in seeing their own team. Hence, when a Sydney or Melbourne club plays against a club from interstate, it is only the local fans who pay their money at the gate. From that money, the club has to survive for two weeks.

It is an undeniable fact that only local derbies draw respectable crowds, simply because the visiting club is able to bring along its own supporters, from within the same city.

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By LAURIE SCHWAB

NSL ON COURSE TO SELF-DESTRUCTION!!

World-wide professional sport is on the verge of collapse, with liabilities far exceeding assets, and Australian soccer is no healthier. Most NSL clubs are in debt, living from week to week. Overpaid players and coaches are owed money all over the country, and that is not their fault.

The commitments were entered into by club administrations, believing the short-cut to success is to pamper players.

How wrong they are!

Players are the employees of clubs and should be treated as such. I wrote in an article about 18 months ago that player power is rife in Australia, and my opposition to it certainly has not changed, particularly after having witnessed the recent assassination of Rado Rasic at South Melbourne Hellas. More about that later.

Let's look at what's happening

By JACK REILLY



in Australian soccer. State and national executives are at loggerheads, and all the talk is about super leagues. I believe super leagues are our only salvation, but what would a Victorian super league be without Makedonia, Heidelberg-Alexander, Hellas and JUST?

They are the clubs that make turnstiles in this State click, and turnstiles produce the dollars so necessary to the continuing viability of the game. The starved fan is still there, as witnessed by the 17,000 at the early-season fixture between Hellas and Heidelberg, and by the many who attended the Australia v England matches.

However, the NSL is hell-bent on a self-destructive course.

The only real argument I've heard for the continuation of the present NSL format is that "the sponsor wants it."

Sponsorship alone however, cannot keep the game afloat. The dollar taken at the turnstile is the only way to success. Is it also the only true measure of the product.

Money from sponsorship or poker machines or any other outside source should be only for the provision of spectator facilities, ground improvements or promotion, not to keep the ledger balanced.

I know many clubs now realise they can no longer depend on sponsorship, and are looking more to cutting their expenditure instead. It is the only way we can get the game onto a sound footing. No longer should clubs be satisfied to meet inflated wage demands by relying on outside revenue to stay alive. Since the inception of the game in this country, money which could have been used on better promotion and facilities, has been wasted.

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KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



The Australian Soccer Federation should be ashamed of itself for disallowing a visit by Aris of Greece and Boavista of Portugal.

Novasport, an Australian company that was going to bring out these two clubs, has had to cancel the tour because of the ASF's opposition.

And the tour was to have included matches in Malaysia and Kuwait as well.

It seems ridiculous that the ASF can disappoint the hundreds of thousands of Greek people in Melbourne and Sydney who were looking forward to seeing Aris play here.

The teams were to have played each other in Melbourne on August 5 and in Sydney on August 10 — both night games, meaning they would not have harmed the NSL competition.

One of the reasons given by the ASF was that these games would in some way harm the international tournament planned in November between Cameroon, Australia, Uruguay and Poland.

How that is possible is beyond me. Please explain it to me, someone.

Alan Lilia, the managing director of Novasport, said the ASF's ban was a "slap in the face of the Australian soccer public," and that nothing short of an official enquiry would satisfy all soccer lovers. I agree totally.

And I believe the ASF banned the tour even without consulting many of its State delegates. How is that possible?

The visit of Aris and Boavista would have given us a tremendous opportunity to compare the standard of our

Aris ban insult to fans

NSL with the standard of overseas competition.

How we can only hope that the clubs will be allowed to visit next year, for I understand Novasport will try again.

Davidson's dilemma

Alan Davidson of South Melbourne Hellas finds himself in a pleasant dilemma.

The choice he faces is to stay here and continue playing for Hellas and Australia, or go overseas.

Davidson has been invited by Bayern Munich for a trial, with all expenses paid, and he's also been approached by various English clubs, including West Ham.

I was in a similar position, when I had an offer from Olympiakos.

I knocked it back in order to return to Australia, my family and my friends, because when you have a good job here and when you play with one of the top clubs, the income is comparable with that in Europe.

It would be a big step for Davo, and I'm sure he could make it overseas. If you make such a step you have to make it when you're young.

Super leagues are best

Reading about the States' proposal to start their own super leagues, with a national championship at the end, leads me to the conclusion that it would be the best solution for soccer as a whole.

Super leagues would cut down travelling costs and they would guarantee a lot more local derbies, which is the only way clubs can make money.

Welcome back captain

It's good to see "Captain Socceroo" back on Channel 0/28, and I congratulate the channel for programming it in the 6pm time-slot on Mondays and Tuesdays, — the ideal time for the kids who watch it.

The programme is very important to the development of young players, for it gives them an added appetite for the game and keeps their interest up.

The youngsters constitute the future of the game in Australia, so if the programme helps them, it is doing an invaluable service.

At the start, I was one of the candidates to host the show, but the job went to Murray Barnes of Sydney City, and I wish him all the best.

The programme will present to the kids the best players of the NSL, and will give them something to aim for.

While I'm on the subject, congratulations to Channel 0/28 for their coverage of Australian soccer, and particularly for moving the "Match of the Day" to the earlier 7.30 pm time-slot.

Player-power led to Rasic downfall

Wayne Farnsworth is 'Australia's Gerd Mueller'

Import Latins to lift our game: Martinez

By
**CRAIG
MACKENZIE**

Melita Eagles teenager Wayne Farnsworth is better than Craig Johnston. In fact he's the Gerd Mueller of Australian soccer.

So says Hector Martinez, a former team mate of Farnsworth. Martinez left Melita three weeks ago to join NSW State League rival Auburn.

"Wayne Farnsworth gives soccer everything he's got. His attitude is incredible for an Australian teenager. He shows just how good some of our youngsters are. English coaches should come and have a look at this kid because his ability is outstanding," said Martinez.

Born 29 years ago in Rosario in Argentina, Martinez arrived in Australia in December, 1974 and has played with Pan Hellenic (now Sydney Olympic), Manly Warringah, Croatia Deakin, St George Budapest, Yugal, Auburn and Melita. This is his second stint with Auburn. Martinez prides himself on his heaven-sent dribbling skills. "I don't learn these things from anyone. They were given to me by God," he says.

His first match back at Mona Park, was against Manly, two weeks ago. An unhappy Martinez takes up the tale.

"I was deliberately elbowed in the face by a Manly player and I had to come off in the second half. I know who the player was, but I'm not going to mention his name," said the Argentinian.

"It happens to me all the time. Opponents always try to hack me down. I dribble a lot



Hector Martinez — Pan Hellenic, St George, Manly, Croatia Deakin, Melita Eagles — and now Auburn.

and it stands out. It must upset them."

Skill in soccer is a favorite Martinez conversation piece. He has seen no improvement in playing standards here since 1974 and he can't understand why clubs don't import more South American or European players.

"It's always English or Scottish players who come here. Why? Their skills are not as good as the South Americans or some of the Europeans. Everyone else in the world recognises this. If we bring more skillful players here then the standards will rise and the crowds will grow."

"I read in the papers that Doug Collins and Tommy

Docherty want to go to England for players. Why? I say they should go to South America. There they will get players who don't just play for the money but play for the love of the game. Soccer's like a religion in South America. Everyone lives for it. We make soccer balls out of anything. Just to have a game as kids. You see it everywhere. That's what loving the game is about."

"Any club in Australia that wants to import First Division players from Argentina can contact me and I'll help. I know the right people in Argentina and I can arrange for good players to come here."

Martinez played with Argentinian giant River Plate as a

Argentine star would like to try Hellas

teenager, working his way up from the fifth to the third grade team. He joined rival Buenos Aires club Atlanta as an 18-year-old, mainly playing in the reserves but coming on as a substitute in a few first team games. He stayed with Atlanta for three years, then switched to Ferro Carril Oeste, also in First Division. At Ferro he became a first-team regular as a striker.

Rale Rasic, then coach of Pan Hellenic, met Martinez in Buenos Aires and arranged for the skillful Argentinian to come to Australia.

"Rasic taught me a lot about fitness and the physical aspects of playing here," he says.

Raul Blanco took over from Rasic who took up a better offer. Like Martinez, Blanco is Argentinian. The pair have been together, as player and coach, at three clubs — Pan Hellenic, St George Budapest and Melita Eagles. Martinez respects Blanco, both as a coach and as a man, but he freely admits that his most recent switch of clubs, from the Blanco-led Melita to the John McDonald-led Auburn, hurt him.

"I didn't like sitting on the bench or playing in Melita's Second Grade side. I want to play first team soccer. I sat on the bench for a while but I couldn't do it any longer. He should have told me in a straightforward way that he didn't think I was good enough for his first team. He obviously thought that, because he selects the team. Yes, I am disappointed with him for not telling me why he wouldn't pick me."

Martinez played with Pan Hellenic from 1975 to 1977 when he joined Manly on a free transfer for the second half of the season. He played with Croatia Deakin in 1977 and 1978 but he never settled in Canberra.

"The standard was very poor there. Things were run in an amateurish way even though the Croatian people did everything they could for the club. I wanted to get back to Sydney and when the chance came to join St George on loan in 1979 I was really glad to take it."



TOP: Wayne Farnsworth of Melita Eagles, hailed as Australia's Gerd Mueller. ABOVE: Mueller himself, being congratulated by team mates Paul Breitner (left), Franz Beckenbauer and Wolfgang Overath (right) after scoring West Germany's winning goal against Holland in the 1974 World Cup final.

Joe Gelei was coaching St George Budapest when Martinez joined but that very season Blanco replaced Gelei. Yugal approached Blanco, trying to sign Martinez who was finding it hard to establish himself in the first team because of the squad. The Argentinian joined Yugal until the end of the season and in 1980 was bought by Auburn for about \$1500 from Croatia Deakin, which still had Martinez tied to it.

"I've had lots of clubs. That's because they come and ask me to join and I agree. Why not? They want me, so I go there."

"When I first joined Auburn, Vic Dalgleish was in charge of the first team. From everything I know about soccer I can tell you that this man is a really good coach. Especially for the young players. He did a lot to develop Tom McCulloch.

He's one of the best coaches I've seen."

"Melita took him as coach in 1981 and he took me to Melita. It is a great club for me, because as soon as I walked in the players treated me like I had been there for years. It was terrific."

"You know, I've played in four top four semi-finals in the past six years with different clubs."

"If I have to pick the best club I've been at then it has to be Pan Hellenic. I had a great time there. People treated me really well. They would walk up to me in the street and want to shake my hand. I really felt at home."

"Olympic (formerly Pan Hellenic) is the only club in Sydney to play for, as far as I'm concerned. I'd like to get back into the NSL. I'd love to meet Tommy Docherty, because I hear that he's a good coach."

"Then again, maybe I'll go to Melbourne next year. I've been thinking of it recently. I'd like to have a go down there and show the people what I can do. South Melbourne Hellas is the club I'd like to have a trial with. I'm on loan from Melita at present and I think that there's only about \$1100 on my head."

We'll have to wait until next year before finding out the soccer fate of the ball-playing Martinez. His record of changing clubs suggests that he won't be wearing Auburn colors in 1984, which will be a loss to a club struggling to attract paying customers. Martinez's dribbling skills are well known in Sydney. His appearance in Melbourne would add color to the Victorian scene, and players of his calibre always will attract media attention.

More importantly, they attract fans.

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McLachlan's dealings show \$19,000 profit

By **CRAIG MACKENZIE**

Footscray J.U.S.T. coach Bobby McLachlan continues to enhance his managerial reputation on as one of the finest wheelers and dealers in Australia.

McLachlan earned this reputation during three years with Victorian State League champion Green Gully Ajax when he turned over his playing staff at an enormous rate but always leaving the balance of the transfer deals favoring Ajax.

He has done the same at

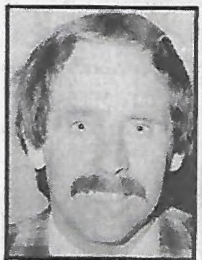
J.U.S.T. this year although the soccer press hasn't reported his success with the same bluster of previous years. Nevertheless, a look at the money paid for players who have been sold by J.U.S.T., compared with the money outlayed for new signings, shows that McLachlan's dealings give J.U.S.T. a \$19,000 profit and in such hard financial times one cannot overstate their importance.

Since McLachlan took over late last year, J.U.S.T. has earned \$34,500 by selling 10 players. Seven new players

have been signed but one of them, Gus Macleod, isn't included in our figures. He was bought from Green Gully Ajax earlier this year, for \$3,500, and sold to Croynod last month for the same amount.

The biggest outlay on newcomers involved the \$12,000 deal which saw Jamie Paton and Ken Taylor joining J.U.S.T. from Heidelberg Alexander.

"Our figures refer only to transfer fees. They do not take signing-on fees into consideration, although McLachlan



Bobby McLachlan

and the J.U.S.T. committee successfully have adopted a more realistic, hard-line policy in this area.

Our figures also don't take into account the cost of air fares for bringing Joe Carroll and Gary McDowell here from the U.K.

(The table below lists all player movements at Footscray J.U.S.T. this year, with the transfer fees involved:

| SOLD | | TO | FEE |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Zoran Ilioski | Milan Kojic | Preston Makedonia | \$20,000 |
| Dragan Vesic | Jim Kondorovic | Fawkner | Free |
| Jim O'Reilly | Jim Milne | Richmond | \$1,000 |
| Mendo Ristovski | Bruno Cozzella | Fawkner | \$4,000 |
| Mike Kupinic | Slobodan Popovic | Sun. George Cross | \$3,000 |
| | | Sth. Melb. Mordialloc | \$3,000 |
| | | Altona Gate | \$2,500 |
| | | Fawkner | \$1,000 |
| | | Richmond | Free |
| | | Fawkner | \$34,500 |
| BOUGHT | | FROM | FEE |
| Jamie Paton | Ken Taylor | Heidelberg Alexander | \$12,000 |
| Joe Carroll | Brian O'Donnell | Ringwood Wilhelmina | \$2,000 |
| Gary McDowell | Ian Purdie | Blacktown (on loan) | \$1,500 |
| Graham Tutill | | Hamilton Academicals | Free |
| | | Canberra | Free |
| | | Frankston City | Free |
| | | | \$15,500 |

Jojkic follows Rasic

South Melbourne Hellas continued its purge by sacking Alex Jojkic, the most highly-qualified physiotherapist in Victorian soccer.

Hellas previously had sacked coach Rale Rasic and assistant coach Jack Reilly.

Jojkic was told simply that "we need new faces in the dressing room."

He is bitterly disappointed at the club's action. "It is an insult to my reputation," he said. "I have worked well with all the players, and I had talked with coach McKendry about our new association. He was happy with me, so I fail to see why the committee decided to dispense with my services."

Jojkic has his own physiotherapy practice at Mt Eliza, and worked in top-level soccer in West Germany. He was the physiotherapist with Polonia before joining Hellas.

Rasic meanwhile, returned to Sydney last Friday, still bitterly disappointed over his sacking.

He is pushing ahead with his claim for financial compensation — through the courts if necessary — and until the matter is finalised, 1 uses to make any public statements.

Kno' Rasic however, he eventually will put his side of the story out pulling any punches.

Super leagues the cure to soccer's ills

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It is because the league needs many more such local derbies that it wants to recruit top State League clubs from Melbourne and Sydney. This also would eliminate much of the travelling costs.

A regionalised national league would have play-offs at the end of the season, between north and south, to determine the national championship. In which way then, is the super league proposal so radically different, so unacceptable to the NSL that it would limp on in its present 16-team format rather than compete in State-run super leagues?

Of course you may also ask why the State federations are opposing the NSL's proposed 24-team structure.

The answer, quite simply, is that the States are not about to stand back and have their top leagues torn apart by the NSL taking away the top State League clubs.

They are standing up for themselves — and high time, too!

For no matter what happens in soccer, the federation structure never will change, for the States run soccer by virtue of their constitutions, and it was the States that set up the Australian Soccer Federation.

If the NSL continues in its present form, it is unlikely that crowds will increase because home clubs will continue to have only one set of spectators instead of two.

Although the NSL is an appendage of the ASF, it is not really a part of the Australian structure of soccer leagues, because it has cut itself off from the traditional process of promotion and relegation.

It is fair to say that State federations tolerate the NSL, rather than embracing it.

The clubs that make up the federations — particularly the State League clubs — were dealt a heavy financial blow when they lost the income generated from games against the Marconis, Hellases, Makdonias, APIAs and Heidelbergs.

That resulted in State League clubs becoming weaker. Although the Croats, for example, still have sizable support, it's fair to say that support would have been much, much higher, had super leagues rather than the NSL, been formed in 1977.

Without the action now being taken by the States, we would run the risk of State

League clubs getting even weaker year by year. The NSL could struggle along for a few more years yet, but when some of its member clubs are forced by financial pressures to withdraw — and it's happened before — where would the replacement clubs come from?

Soccer in Australia is not only about the NSL, particularly when so many of the NSL games are now drawing less than 1000 people.

Soccer in Australia is about the many people who make up the game right through the ranks, down to the lowest of divisions. Only when all those people are unified under one umbrella, will the benefits of that strength flow to all.

It is necessary to excite even the lowest clubs about the structure of the game. They must be made to feel that it is after all, possible to advance through the ranks to the very top if they work hard and plan properly.

A super leagues network at least would give us a chance of doing this.

Promotion and relegation would be automatic through the ranks in every State of Australia.

Within each super league, the incentive would be to finish among the top two or three in order to advance to the national championship play-offs.

Now, if all soccer were unified under common aims and ambitions, with super leagues advancing to national play-offs, you could sell Australian soccer in its entirety to a national sponsor.

That sponsor would get exposure not from only one league, but through every division of every State, and eventually through the national championship play-offs.

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The States have taken the first step.

Victoria, NSW, Queensland and South Australia have suggested they will run their super leagues with or without the participation of the present NSL clubs.

Let's hope that it's not just an idle threat, pointed at the NSL like the barrel of a gun.

And let's hope that for the good of Australian soccer, the NSL clubs see the wisdom of the new structure and decide to become a part of it.

But there's more still.

If the NSL and the ASF are honest with themselves, they must acknowledge that since they started their drive against ethnic club names,

I have been involved in Australian soccer for 20 years. I do not write with prejudice for or against any league, club or organisation, but rather with the overall good of the game at heart. I admire every one of the NSL clubs for their achievements, for their courage, for the way they have helped to improve soccer.

I have the same admiration for the State federations, without which we would have no soccer.

But I can see no sense in a system that causes friction and fragmentation and that will, in the long run, contribute to decimation.

Although the NSL maintains firmly it will continue as a 16-club competition when the States vote against the 24-team proposal on July 30, some of the NSL clubs are known to be having second thoughts.

In Victoria, for example, two clubs see nothing wrong with super leagues, one is undecided, and only one opposes the concept.

Perhaps there's hope yet — if not for 1984, then perhaps for 1985... or '86.

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AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW...

TAUT NERVES CAN CAUSE NSL BREAK

The endless arguments, often stretching into the night on the well-worn subject of "what's-the-matter-with-soccer" continue Australia-wide.

Even those who only glance at soccer occasionally on TV are brave enough to express firm views, offering salvation for the game.

Not surprisingly, almost all part-time theoreticians as well as hardened club ideologues get bogged down in details: it's the old "tree and forest" syndrome.

Here I would like to confine my own views to the game's structural weaknesses.

For a starter, let me express the heretical opinion that we have no proper national association or federation at all.

The Australian Soccer Federation, which was originally conceived for that purpose, is a mythical body, almost like the Holy Trinity: it is and it isn't.

The ASF's inherent, probably incurable illness is that it is merely a forum for state delegates, people who represent the interests of their own states.

I know that's important, too — but beyond that the ASF should have an executive with independent members — totally divorced from state federations.

Without that the ASF simply has no spokesmen for national matters, only parochial ones.

If five or more men were elected to the executive NOT as state delegates but as independent soccer identities (almost used the word "thinkers") we would have a national body.

Until then the ASF is merely a Persian market where isolated local problems motivate decisions on national matters — not to mention the equally frequent case of personal vendettas, egotisms and the machinations of individuals whose only driving force in the game is their hatred for others.

Against a backdrop like that, even the most utterly devoted and brilliant president and secretary would be doomed to fail, let alone the ordinary mortals now filling such positions.

If I can level a serious charge against Sir Arthur George it is simply that in all his years of presidency he did not even seriously try to remodel the ASF. Perhaps it didn't suit him, maybe he felt it was a futile task. But, when he steps down, he will leave behind the structure in just as hopeless a state as he inherited it.

Taking this argument a major step further: the NSL is likely to struggle for ever, until its disintegration — unless it acquires a good deal of independence.

It is too grotesque for words that our most elite league should have about the same number of votes in the ASF as the referees, women and other affiliates.

For this state of affairs, you can blame the "Founding Fathers" of the NSL who, in their haste in 1976, ignored repeated warnings about the danger of becoming a mere offshoot of the ASF — namely, the already jealous and hostile state federation.

By ANDREW DETTRE

Then — but only then — the NSL had its chance to start out as an independently run and managed entity, properly affiliated to the ASF but NOT supervised or controlled by it.

This is what goes on in England with the Football Association and the Football League, functioning separately, but still co-existing for the sake of English soccer.

And this is precisely what I advocated in 1975 and 1976 to people pre-eminent in the formation of the national league.

At that stage, Arthur George showed scant interest in the national league. He even told a private gathering: "I've tried to push this through but couldn't. You go for your life with my blessing."

Later, however, all this laissez-faire attitude changed dramatically: the ASF not only became interested — but actually super-imposed its own bizarre structure on the league.

The old power game, I suppose.

Today the NSL is merely a tolerated extension of the ASF (State delegates) — despite its \$5 million annual budget, probably larger than the ASF's and all the states' rolled into one.

But the NSL has no muscle; its microscopic staff of two works in the ASF premises and its highly motivated and talented executive manager has no mandate to carry out anything beyond the daily household chores.

I am convinced that a modus vivendi will have to be worked out, sooner or later, giving the NSL the right to live the life of an independent corporate body.

If, one day, the NSL will fail — let it fail because of its own mistakes or shortcomings and not because it has been treated like a State ward by delegates from States who are not even involved in the league.

Ideally, a peaceful solution should be found to this fundamental problem between the NSL and the state federations (calling themselves ASF as a cover-name) recognising their vastly different roles.

If such negotiated restructuring is impossible I can see the day — not too distant, either — when the NSL simply breaks away on its own.

And don't think for a moment that this is too far-fetched: Australian soccer history is littered with breakaways — ALL of them successful.

This will happen when the NSL clubs get frustrated beyond endurance — and when they finally realise their own immense power.

AND A READER'S OPINION...

SIR — I would like to concentrate on the National League format for the future. Everyone within soccer has had their say — the clubs, administrators, the federations, the press and the marketing people, but the people who really count, the public, have been silent up to date. Their feelings have not been considered at all and yet they are the people who support the game.

Firstly I see the problems with soccer today being:

1. Too many clubs within the Metro Leagues are trying to become too big. There are not enough people available to follow the game to make all these clubs successful. Therefore we have the situation that clubs are neither successful nor big and they just stay in Limbo.

2. Spectator facilities at many clubs are appalling as are many of the playing surfaces.

3. It is up to the clubs to upgrade their facilities so as to improve their crowds and the standard of soccer. But because we have too many clubs aiming for goals not within their reach, other clubs with a chance of success are being deprived.

Example are South Melbourne Hellas, Caulfield and South Oakleigh. Hellas

relies on the other two clubs for supporters on a Sunday. Supporters will only support a winning team so when Hellas is losing the supporters are happy just to follow Caulfield or South Oakleigh. The point is that there are only four Victorian berths in the NSL. At present so only one of these Greek clubs can be a real success, yet there is a group of supporters putting money into two or three of these clubs.

This is wrong. As much money as possible should go to Hellas to allow them to improve their facilities for the Victorian soccer public in general. There are other similar situations such as this occurring throughout Victoria. South Oakleigh and Caulfield are spending lots of money which will be wasted in the long run because there are too many clubs hoping to reach the top league even though the vacancies are not there for all of them.

I believe that the Super Leagues are the best proposition, controlled by a National Body, independent of the A.S.F. and State Federations. I also believe after the construction of the Super Leagues that the State Leagues and Metropolitan Leagues should have amateur status. The Super Leagues should be the only professional leagues in Australia. Also there should be no promotion or relegation between the

Super Leagues and State Leagues. The State Leagues should be a breeding ground for the Super Leagues. The situation could be reviewed after five years. There should be an import quota of two players per club. This should not vary and it should also apply only to the Super Leagues. Therefore the State Leagues would consist solely of local talent. There should be two Super Leagues in each State, consisting of 12 teams per division and they would all play on Sunday while the Metro Leagues and State Leagues would all play on a Saturday. On a Sunday the Senior Leagues that play for fun and Junior Leagues should all be completed by 2pm to allow everybody to attend the Super League games.

Other proposals:

1. A top four national play-off series at the end of the season between all the Super Leagues top 4 teams.

2. A National Cup played midweek on a Wednesday night like the Sterling Cup in Aussie Rules. With midweek games every week a sponsor would be attracted more easily because of the continuous exposure. Also there is continued interest in the cup competition.

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Lynn survives, life ban lifted

A move to depose Mike Lynn as coach of Victorian State League club Polonia has failed dismally.

The full club committee voted 12-3 last week in favor of retaining Lynn for the remainder of the season.

Had Lynn been sacked we understand that tall Polish goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski was set to take over. Dzielakowski was at the centre of a planned upheaval last year when he was tipped to replace Kaz Kowalek, then coaching Polonia. Kowalek now coaches Metro Second Division club Ardeer.

Macleod

Don't be surprised to see Gus Macleod appointed assistant coach of Footscray J.U.S.T. next season.

That's provided that current manager-coach Bobby McLachlan still is at the helm and that the committee strongmen remain in charge.

Macleod joined J.U.S.T. early this year from Green Gully Ajax but left to join Croynold last month. The powerful striker is highly regarded by many J.U.S.T. officials and attended the Yugoslav-sponsored club's celebrations after its fine 2-1 win over Sydney City Hakoh two weeks ago.

Kamasz

NSL manager Steve Kamasz has clarified a newspaper report in which he was reported as saying that the State federations were secondary to the NSL.

"What I said was that on the playing field, the NSL is regarded as the pinnacle and the States League are the next step down. I did not mention the federations, which of

course play a vital role in Australian soccer," Kamasz said.

Triple 21

There will be plenty of soccer players but not a ball in sight when 200 guests help Mike Valentine, Scott Patterson (Heidelberg) and Peter Verochla (Box Hill) celebrate their 21st birthdays at a combined function at Wembley Park Box Hill, on August 5.

The three all have birthdays within a few days of each other and decided on one large party.

Peter, Scott and Mike all are keen golfers and have planned a game at Yarra Yarra club on the morning of the party, the fourth player being their former junior coach Wally Patterson.

The large birthday cake will be in the shape of a soccer pitch, naturally.

Turner

Grant Turner, the "enfant terrible" of Australasian soccer, is in trouble again.

Turner, who spent a brief, but stormy, period with South Melbourne Hellas, has walked out on his latest club - Christchurch Mogul United in New Zealand.

Matters came to a head when the exuberant midfielder sustained a three-match suspension by the Canterbury Football Association, as a result of being booked for allegedly making racist remarks to an opposing player, and then dismissed as the consequence of violent conduct in successive matches.

When asked for re-assurance about his future behaviour by United, he refused and the two parties agreed to go separate ways.

Gisborne City, which has twice previously had the New Zealand International on its books, is reported to be interested in restoring him to its ranks.

Ban lifted

A Queensland player banned for life five years ago for slapping a referee has had his sentence lifted.

Drago Antonovic, 39, was banned in 1978 and had an appeal against the sentence turned down in 1981.

Queensland Soccer Federation secretary Allan Vessey said Antonovic had now been given a two-year suspended sentence and could resume his playing career with premier division club Sunnyside.

Mr Vessey said: "This is not a backdown by soccer officials. What was considered appropriate in 1978 may not be so in similar circumstances today."

The decision had been made by QSF officials after consultation with the Soccer Referees' Association.

Border search

According to Border Soccer Club secretary Graham Gould, Albion-Wodonga's soccer players have a problem.

It looks like they're headed for the Melbourne big-time without a proper team nickname.

Gould said he was proposing to the club board that a competition be held to find one.

He said the club was confident it would be admitted to senior Melbourne competition next season.

Gould said: "... That's our aim, and I reckon we should try for it with a braver name than Borders... which is what they call us at present."

He said he'd like to see all sorts of names suggested... like Border Bebeats, or Murray Cods.

A spokesman for a rival team in the Canberra competition has suggested that as Albion-Wodonga's colors are orange, brown and white they might be called The Worms.

Melita grabs the lead, Sharks eye fourth spot

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Melita soundly defeated Avala to take the lead in the NSW State League following Inter Monaro's 0-0 draw with Croatia at Queanbeyan. Melita has now registered seven straight wins and looks an ominous threat to Croatia in the bid for the Premiership.

This might be a little too harsh on the rest of the Melita players, but one wouldn't be far off in suggesting that Billy Griffith has made a lot of difference to the style of the side. There was always a lot of test and willingness in this Melita team, but one has the feeling that Griffith has added the steampunk influence needed so much.

He was voted the man-of-the-match against Avala.

Croatia found the going tough down south against the in-form Inter Monaro and came home with only a point. In the next three weeks Croatia has to play Manly, Blacktown and Avala, not an easy draw, with Melita having to play against the two bottom teams.

It might be neck and neck again after round 21 on August 21.

Who knows? The way things are going, you might have to include Blacktown as a title contender for it has to deal with Croatia at the Gabby on July 31 in a game most regard as the championship decider. However, Blacktown will have its own work cut out against Sutherland at Seymour Shaw this week.

Sutherland is "back in the saddle" following its 2-1 win over Manly at Cromer and looks set to pounce on Kuringai to take fourth spot. With Beggs starting to fire up front and Schumann and Dalfrino in control at the back, Sutherland is set to spoil things once again for those who felt that the Sharks were on the slide.

At the lower end of the table, Monaro, Manly and Yugal are set to finish in no-man's land, while Polonia and Canterbury are getting close to being joined by the bottom two in a battle for the wooden spoon.

Auburn drew against Yugal in a deferred match the previous week while Bankstown drew with Canterbury to edge closer to Polonia.

For both Auburn and Bankstown it shapes up as the battle of the last round of the premiership when Bankstown will entertain its neighbours from Auburn.

Kuringai 1 Polonia 0

Score: Regan KURINGAI: Curtis, Kevin (53') Hammond, Watson, Bertram, Robertson, Challinor, Knight, Brockbank, Regan, Eaton, Leak (Wilmington 84').

POLOIA: Barker, I. Garlowski, Sivigli, Grahie, Gales, Z. Garlowski, Kowalczyk, Ortega (87' Fuller), Owczarek, Trancy, Lasak.

The home side registered its seventh win of the season to go back into the top four a strong chance of remaining there. It was also the fourth time this season that the Chasers have won by a 1-0 scoreline, when Stuart Regan getting into the act for the second week in a row, scoring after 21 minutes.

Kuringai forced early corners with Barker pushed hard to make some good saves. He appeared to have been beaten by a shot from Challinor in the 5th minute but Irek Garlowski was on the line to clear.

In the next 10 minutes Barker had no problems in dealing with high crosses and with some shots. Regan tried one from 25 metres only to see Barker tip it over the bar.

However, after 21 minutes, Regan was in luck. Clive Eaton moved wide to accept a pass from Brockbank before crossing for Regan to slam a good volley past Barker.

Eaton and Steve Leak came close towards the end of the first half, while Polonia managed to create an opening just once during the first 45 minutes when a header by Owczarek went over the bar. For some 20 minutes of the second half it was Kuringai again but with little penetration, whilst the rest of the second half belonged to the visitors.

Kuringai suffered a blow with the departure of the

jured Kevin after 53 minutes and Watson failed to acclimatise himself to his new position. Polonia exploited the weakness on that flank, making some inroads but never really looked like getting past Curtis.

To make matters difficult for the Chasers during this period, nothing was right for Regan. Although his work rate was still high, the bounce of the ball went against him almost all the time.

Avala 0 Melita 2

Score: Farnsworth, McKie AVALA: Alvares, McKie, Dal-ler, Barton, Vujinovic, Milne, Houssein (80' Youssef), Munis, Tilt, Fernandez, Mahoma (85' Fontana).

MELITA: Eagles: McPherson, Williams, Cross, MacAusland, Daley, Griffith, Dwyer, Jamieson, Farnsworth, Farnsworth, McKie.

Melita continued its good run to record its seventh successive victory to go past Croatia and into the top spot on the league ladder. A goal in each half was sufficient to sink unimpressive and shy Avala.

Billy Griffith and John McKie appear to be the thorns Avala could not cope with. Griffith is back to his best with clever and probing passes, while the running of McKie had Avala defenders stunned.

McKie's run with minutes remaining had Avala players in all sorts of both. As nobody tackled, McKie just stroled through to enter the area and easily put Melita's second goal.

Some 45 minutes earlier it was Farnsworth who left Barton on his way to score from close range with Ahrens helpless.

Goals apart, Melita was always in the driver's seat and never looked like losing. Apart from Griffith, Farnsworth and Farrugia created problems for the home side and it required all the guile and effort of Ahrens in goal for Avala to keep the scoreline down.

Bankstown 2 Canterbury 2

Score: Blackburn, Silins (81) Bankstown: Lohman, Kennedy, Vaughn, King, Augustus, Park, er, Bourke, Sirrett, Blackburn, York, Silins.

CANTERBURY: El Zein, Antonopoulos, Law (82' B. nos), Palmer, Andreu, Ling, Anagnostopoulos, Theodorakopoulos, Philinos, Basterfield.

The battle of the cellar dwellers provided a lot of fire and enthusiasm in both camps and with some exciting action at both ends and four goals to boot! One could hardly complain about a wasted Saturday afternoon!

Blackburn shot Bankstown into an 11th minute lead despite the attention of two of Canterbury's defenders. He hung onto the ball to flick it past El Zein as the Canterbury keeper came out to cut the angle of the shot.

Canterbury came back through star striker Theodorakopoulos. Lohman was beaten with a well placed header following a corner kick.

In the 62nd minute Basterfield put the berries front with a 35 metres shot which beat Lohman all ends up. However, only two minutes later Kelly York started the move which went via Augustino and Parker to Marty Silins who made no mistake to make it 2-2.

Despite constant pressure by Canterbury in the closing stages, Bankstown hung on to keep a point.

Manly Warr 1 Sutherland 2

Score: Smith (MW), Groom, Beggs (S)

MANLY WARRINGAH: Cassatt, Williamson, Noble, K. Falconer, Scott, J. Jones, Steven (81' M. Jones), Vale, Smith, P. Falconer, Stuart.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, P. Falconer, Stuart.

Results of round 18: Inter Monaro-Croatia 0-0; Kuringai-Polonia 1-0; Regan: Blacktown-Canterbury 2-2; Blacktown, Silins (81), Theodorakopoulos, Basterfield (C); Manly Warringah-Sutherland 1-2; Smith (MW), Groom, Beggs (S); Blacktown City-Avala 3-0; Rasmussen, Brogan; Avala-Melita Eagles 0-2; Farnsworth, McKie.

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

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| MELITA EAGLES | 10 | 5 | 1 | 28 | 25 |
| CROATIA | 11 | 8 | 5 | 33 | 22 |
| BLACKTOWN | 7 | 4 | 1 | 19 | 18 |
| Sutherland | 7 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 18 |
| Avala | 6 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 18 |
| Inter monaro | 5 | 8 | 5 | 22 | 16 |
| Manly Warringah | 5 | 7 | 2 | 20 | 16 |
| Yugal | 4 | 7 | 1 | 18 | 15 |
| Polonia | 3 | 5 | 7 | 19 | 11 |
| Canterbury | 3 | 4 | 10 | 22 | 13 |
| Bankstown | 2 | 4 | 11 | 19 | 8 |
| Auburn | 2 | 2 | 12 | 17 | 6 |

THIS WEEK
Saturday: Manly Park - Auburn-Avala; Sunday: Chappin Park - Polonia-Inter Monaro; Fraser Park - Yugal-Kuringai; Canterbury - Yugal; Sutherland - Melita; Blacktown - King Tonia; Avala - Croatia-Melita; Seymour Shaw - Sutherland-Blacktown.

SATURDAY
STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION: Gladesville Reserves vs Rockdale Ilinden at Peel Park.
STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION: South Marist vs Belconnen 15 at Werrington; City Campbelltown vs Kingsford at Lynwood Park; Queens Park E/S vs Gladesville Hills at Gladesville Park.

INTER URBAN 2nd DIVISION: Manaroia United vs Fairfield West at Cecil St. East. East-end vs Waverley Waverley at Caversham Park. Sydney Uni vs King Tonia at St. Johns Park. Fairfield Kings vs Port Hacking at Knolly Park No. 4.

INTER URBAN 2nd DIVISION: Chelsea vs Penrith at Waverley Park No. 11; Transwales Sports vs Eastwood S/A at Boroel Park; Moorbank vs Campbelltown Gladesville at Hammondsville Park.

INTER URBAN 3rd DIVISION: Haverfield B/D vs Green Valley Utd at Beamon Park; Haverfield D vs Manaroia Utd at North Richmond Utd; Blacktown Waverley vs Werrington at Pearce Park Reserve.

Cashman, Harrington, Clunk, Beggs, Groom, Johnston.

Manly Warringah has clinched some tough times. The side has won once since May 15, when Bankstown was beaten at Cromer 1-0. To add to its woes, Manly has been beaten by Sutherland, its nearest foe in the battle for the top four and must now resign itself to being too far away to cause much concern.

There is still some slight chance but only should Manly turn the recent tide and clean up the league's low sides hoping that the teams above it drop points.

Against Sutherland, the home side fell behind to a late first half goal. Peter Beggs crossed and Nigel Groom was at the far post to tuck it away in the 40th minute.

Beggs was on hand to break clear of Manly's defence and push Sutherland further ahead with a scrambling goal. Cassatt managed to parry the first shot but Beggs made no mistake with the rebound.

With 20 minutes to go, Andy Scott found Vale in a good position but the youngster hit the side netting, then with 17 minutes remaining it was Terry Smith (who else) who found the net after a corner from Peter Falconer. Keith Falconer headed down and Smith rolled the ball over the line.

Sutherland held out to win the match and now is only a point away from Kuringai. With a game in hand its top four position looks again very much like a foregone conclusion.

Scott, Vale and Smith played well for the home side, while Schumann, Dalfrino, Beggs and Groom did well for the visitors.

Blacktown 3 Auburn 0

Score: Rasmussen, Pointer, Brogan.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Turnbull, Pointer, Selinger, Stoddart, Walker (62' Davies), McLaughlin, Kirwan (Pearson 72').

AUBURN: Bowman, Kelly, Kibbey, Planinc, Hardwick, Jones, (Townsend 55'), McDermid, Quigley, Kinsey, Bobacic, Carley.

Following its 1-1 draw with Yugal the previous week Auburn continued to play well and held Blacktown scoreless during the first 45 minutes. In fact there was very little to divide the sides and 0-0 looked a fair result.

However, Casey De Bruin lashed out at his players during the half time break and the Demons came out firing on all cylinders. Almost from the restart it was Wheatley who ran downfield to use a lot of space before crossing for the other Blacktown fullback Rasmussen to head home!

Auburn fought well but tired towards the end to concede two late goals. In the 75th minute it was John Stoddart who started the move pushing his pass to John Davies who crossed and Cliff Pointers came in with a header to make it 2-0.

With three minutes remaining, Bowman managed to parry a shot from Neil Pearson but Brogan was on hand to poke it into the net and close the scoring.

Stuart Selvaage was the man-of-the-match at the Gabby with Stoddart and Rasmussen a close second and third. For Auburn it was Ray Carney, the youngster, who improves with every match. He tormented Blacktown's defence and looked by far the most dangerous forward.

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Bradley strong in both awards

Charlie Yankos of Heidelberg has increased his lead from one to three points in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) remains in second place, and Neil Banfield (Adelaide City) has moved ahead to be in third place.

John Bradley of APIA made major advances in the best player award as well as the \$1000 award for the top scorer in the NSL.

By notching two against Wollongong, he was voted man of the match and moved to seventh place in the voting. He also boosted his goals tally to eight, and together with Makedonia's Claude Lucchesi and

Gary Ward, is the joint top scorer in the league.

Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas) and Phil O'Connor both scored on Sunday, leaving them in second place, with seven goals each.

This week's votes:
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Egan) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Paton) at Middle Park. Crowd about 3000. Votes by Laurie Schwab: 6 Blair (SM), 5 Kyriakoulas (JUST), 4 Crino (SM), 3 Hazabent (JUST), 2 Holford (SM), 1 Carroll (JUST).

CANBERRA ARROWS 2 (Bryant pen, T. Byrne) MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 2 (Bozanic pen., Brown) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1350. Votes by Peter Windsor: 6 Cole (C), 5 Licata (M), 4 Gibson (C), 3 Farina (C), 2 T Byrne (C), 1 Bryant (C).
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Panagis, Honey-

man) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 2 (Cole, Valentine) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 1800. Votes by Meno Toutsidis: 6 Heys (WA), 5 Yankos (H), 4 Lea (H), 3 Panagis (WA), 2 Honeyman (WA), 1 Tansey (H).

BRISBANE LIONS ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 4 (Maxwell, Rankin, Carter, Villani) at Richlands. Crowd 1600. Votes by Ricky Russo: 6 Dods (AC), 5 Banfield (AC), 4 Maxwell (AC), 3 Villani (AC), 2 Flounders (AC), 1 R. Stewart (BL).
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2

(Sunness, Murray) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Patonson) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd 6700. Votes by Peter Scott:

6 Robertson (SC), 5 Paterson (SO), 4 Barnes (SC), 3 Watson (SC), 2 Herbert (SO), 1 Jennings (SO).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Ward pen.) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Barton) at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 4000. Votes by Peter Desira:

6 McMillan (Mak), 5 ones (Mak), 4 Ratcliffe (St.G.), 3

Skeen (St.G.), 2 Campbell (Mak), 1 Greedy (St.G.).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 0 BRISBANE CITY 1 (Glockner) at International Sports Centre. Crowd 2722. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6 Hamilton (BC), 5 Senkalski (N), 4 Lowe (N), 3 Shannon (N), 2 Liddell (BC), 1 Wishart (BC).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 4 (Bradley 2, DeCeglie, Valeri) WOLLONGONG 1 (O'Connor) at Lambert Park. Crowd 2674. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6 Bradley (APIA), 5 Valeri (APIA), 4 Mariani (APIA), 3 O'Connor (W), 2 Vardareff (W), 1 Bertogna (APIA).

Leaders:
51 Yankos (H berg), 48 P. O'Connor (W), 47 Banfield (AC), 43 Greedy (St.G.), 39 Ratcliffe (St.G.).

38 Bryant (Can), 37 Bradley (APIA), 36 Hszowski (C), Davidson (SM), 34 Sermanni (M), Burke (N), 33 Tokesi (BC), 32 Jones (Mak), B. Nyskous (AC), 30 G. Campbell (Mak), Lowe (N), 29 Odzakov (Mak), Belic (JUST), 28 Katholos (SO), Honeyman (WA), Kyriakoulas (JUS1), 27 Skeen (St.G.), McMillan (JUST), Hamilton (BC), 26 Lucchesi (Mak), Carroll (JUST), Henderson (M), Heys (WA), 24 Blair (SM), Spanos (H berg), J. Watson (SC),

Boland (JUST), Bertogna, Scharmann (APIA), 23 McCulloch (M), S. O'Connor (SC), Mariani (AGIA), 22 Murphy (SM), R. Stewart, Hunter (BL), Gray (APIA), 21 T. Byrne, Gibson (C), Jankovics (M), Paterson (SO), Wright (BL), Vlietstra (W), 20 Melia (AC), 19 Crino (SM), Kay (SC), G. Watson (N), Perry (BC), 18 Patikas, Soper (SO), Flavell (Mak), Top scorers: 8 Lucchesi, Ward (Mak), 7 Egan (SM), O'Connor (W), Kosmina (SC), 6 Bryant (C), Soper (SO), Mountford (N), 5 Brown (M), Katholos (SO), Cotton (W), Mullen (AC), Hamilton (BC), Gomez (SC).

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KB, J.U.S.T., MARCONI OUT FOR REVENGE



South Melbourne Hellas star Alan Davidson (right) and his "shadow" on Sunday, Brian O'Donnell of J.U.S.T.

SATURDAY

St George Budapest v. Sydney City Hakoah (draw) at St George Stadium, 3 pm.
Record so far: Syd C. 8 wins, 3 draws, 0 loss, 28.9 goals.

Newcastle KB United v. PRESTON MAKEDONIA at International Sports Centre, 2.30 pm.
Record: Newc. 2 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses, 8.6 goals.

SUNDAY

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. Canberra Arrows at Olympic Village, 3 pm.
Record: H'berg 7 wins, 3 draws, 3 losses, 20 12 goals.

Wollongong v. SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Ziems Park, 3 pm.
Record: W'gong 2 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss, 4.5 goals.

Brisbane City v. West Adelaide Hellas (draw) at Spencer Park, 2 pm.
Record: even at 5 wins, 3 draws, 5 losses each and 16 16 goals.

Sydney Olympic v. Marconi-Fairfield (draw) at Pratten Park, 3 pm.
Record: Marc. 5 wins, 3 draws, 3 losses, 14 10 goals.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. Brisbane Lions at Schintler Reserve, 3 pm.
Record: Brisb. L. 5 wins, 3 draws, 5 losses, 25 19 goals.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS v. APIA-Leichhardt at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.
Record: APIA 5 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss, 13 6 goals.

NSL team of the week

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals: In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week.

WISHART (1) (Briab. C.)

SKREEN (3) JONES (2) RATCLIFFE (2) McMILLAN (2) (St.Geo.) (Mak.) (St.Geo.) (Mak.)

D. COLE (1) BRADLEY (3) HAMILTON (3) (Canberra) (APIA) (Briab.City)

HEYS (2) PATERSON (1) G. CAMPBELL (3) (West Adel.) (Syd. Olympic) (Mak.)

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Teams that had their reputations dented in a round of upset results back in April, get their chance for revenge in the reverse fixture at the weekend.

These were the results, with scorers, of the games on April 17:

Makedonia 1 (Ward pen) Newcastle 0.
Brisbane Lions 5 (Kelso 2, Niven pen., Wright, Tutill own goal) Footscray J.U.S.T. 0.
South Melbourne Hellas 0 Wollongong 1 (O'Connor).
Canberra Arrows 3 (Bryant, Gibson, Perinovic) Heidelberg-Alexander 0.
West Adelaide Hellas 0 Brisbane City 1 (Glockner).
Marconi 0 Sydney Olympic 2 (Soper 2).

APIA-Leichhardt 2 (B. Nyskous o.g., Jones) Adelaide City Juventus 0.
The remaining fixture was postponed that day and played the following week, when the result was:

Sydney City Hakoah 0 St George Budapest 0.
West Adelaide was on top of the ladder before its loss to Brisbane City, and Makedonia took over by virtue of its victory over Newcastle.

The top four before the round was: 1 West Adelaide, 2 Heidelberg, 3 South Melbourne Hellas, 4 Newcastle.
After the round, the top four was: 1 Makedonia, 2 West Adelaide, 3 Brisbane City, 4 Heidelberg.

Newcastle still is spitting chips about its loss to Makedonia at Connor Reserve, for it had two players sent off — Joe Senkalski in the 3rd minute and Michael Boogard in the 82nd — and it lost through a penalty converted by Gary Ward.

Footscray J.U.S.T. had to play two games — drawing 1-1 with Sydney City in a postponed match on the Friday night, and losing 0-5 to Brisbane Lions in the heat of Brisbane two days later. This time it's the Lions' turn to travel, and star right back Suleiman Curovic should be back for J.U.S.T.

South Melbourne Hellas's 0-1 loss to Wollongong marked the start of a form slump during which Hellas also lost to Brisbane City, and Newcastle. Typically, Phil O'Connor scored Wollongong's goal, and it will be up to either Bobby Russell or Steve Blair to keep O'Connor at bay this time.

Heidelberg's slide down the ladder started with its 0-3 loss to Canberra — a match in which Marko Perinovic made his debut, scoring one of the goals as well.

But with Gary Cole back to take some of the pressure away from Derek Lea, Heidelberg looks a much better bet this time.

As I said earlier, West Adelaide's loss to Brisbane City cost it league leadership back on April 17 and that alone should motivate the South Australians in the return match. Watch out for young Panagis. He's going to be a star.

Sydney Olympic shook off its disappointing earlier form by beating Marconi 2-0 on April 17, and Marshall Soper scored both goals. Marconi however, has improved dramatically since then, and Mark Jankovics, Vic Bozanic, Rene Licata, Rod Brown and Tommy Sermanni are all bristling with energy and enthusiasm.

Sydney Hakoah has not lost to St George since the NSL started in 1977, and while I don't expect that situation to change, I do believe that the Saints will snatch a draw, as they did earlier this season.

Matches between these two giants have special significance attached to them. Like clashes between Hellas and Heidelberg, or Makedonia and Heidelberg, you are not allowed to lose. You concentrate all your efforts on defending against defeat, and so it will be on Saturday.



Footscray J.U.S.T. stopper Kyri Kriakoulas out-jumps everyone at Middle Park on Sunday. From left: Bobby Russell (Hellas), Kyriakoulas, Arthur Xanthopoulos (Hellas). Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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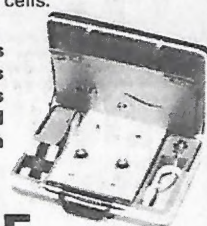
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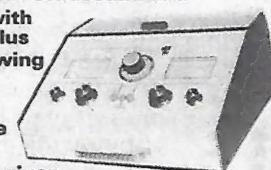
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Ollerton praises Flavell

Being the only player-coach in the National League has not proved to be a burden for Makedonia's Peter Ollerton.

Ollerton has been playing soundly, if not spectacularly in defence and Makedonia has a commanding lead at the halfway point of the season.

It is a remarkable feat for the 32-year-old former Soccer — still known in Sydney soccer circles from his days with APLA as the 'Big O' — and the club blesses the day it invited him to join.

Makedonia gained promotion from the Victorian State League in 1980, after Ollerton had joined from Footscray J.U.S.T.

The following year he was appointed player-coach to succeed Brian Edgley and Makedonia ended up in 12th place in 1981 and then jumped to fifth in 1982.

This year, it seems, the sky is the limit.

Ollerton himself could have another couple of seasons ahead of him as a player.

He started in soccer with English club Blackpool, but an invitation to join Wilhelmina in Melbourne brought him to Australia in 1971.

Since then, Ollerton has been a prolific scorer with APLA, Marconi and J.U.S.T. Makedonia's record since mid-1982 says it all: the club lost



Peter Ollerton

only two of its 30 matches before last Sunday.

Ollerton's coaching success is firmly based.

"I have played in the league since it began in 1977, so I ought to have learned something," he said.

"I know roughly how all the clubs play and record their tactics and their best players for future reference."

"The most consistent are usually the most dangerous."

"For our part we have five or six really good players, so it is difficult for anyone to put us out of a game."

Ollerton won't be pressed to name a key player but he admits that Gordon Flavell does a great job.

"He is a worker and a fighter. While he performs, his fellow midfielders Zoran Ilioski and Zarko Odzakovic can go forward to do the damage."

Makedonia striker Claude Lucchesi leads the NSL scoring table on eight goals while Gary Ward was grouped with Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) and John Kosmina (Sydney City) on seven before last Sunday.

Defender David Jones and winger George Campbell were both Hellas 'rejects' and young right-back Con Opatinis has come up through the local junior ranks.

Ollerton obviously has an eye for a good player.

There is half a season of tough football ahead but Makedonia is determined to give the title a fair go.

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But in fact it served only to

'Juve' cuts loose, as Best dawdles



Ricky Rosso

Brisb. Lions 0 Adel. City 4

Scorers: Maxwell 38th, Rankin 51st, Carter 77th, Villani 87th.
Venue: Richards Stadium.
Cautions: BL: Hunter, Kelso.

Referee: Bill Monteverde 7.
LIONS: Lownds 6, McClurg 5, Hunter 7, R. Stewart 7, Niven 6, J. Stewart 6, Mulvey 4, Hogg 5, Wright 6, Kelso 4, Best 4.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENUS: McNally 7, Dods 5, B. Nyskohus 7, Banfield 8, Flounders 7, Villani 8, Blair 6, Carter 7, Mullen 6, Rankin 7, Maxwell 8.

Brisbane Lions' coach Simon Kistemaker dreams of Russell Stewart having a twin brother — it would solve half the problems within his team.

And after last Sunday's 4-0 loss to Adelaide City Juventus Kistemaker also must have had nightmares about Lions bringing George Best back to Australia.

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The four goalkeepers for Adelaide Juventus against Brisbane Lions, from left: Peter Rankin, Charlie Villani, Steve Maxwell and Les Carter. Photo by CARLOS PICASSO.

move the problem to another part of the field — the middle. Lions cannot do without Stewart at the back — as three-second half goals testify — but they so desperately need him in the middle.

One player Lions can do without on his performance last weekend is "guest"

George Best. After two previous uninspiring performances, Best made promises of turning it on in his final game with Lions. But the former Irish international succeeded only in turning off the 1600 people who paid to see him and helped to ensure many would not come back.

Best merely walked around the park, never getting out of trot, never even thinking about a tackle. He didn't get very good service, admittedly, but then he never really worked to get into good positions.

But Best should not wear the blame totally for the crushing defeat. His team-mates chimed in to give the soccer-hungry fans a brilliant exhibition in how not to play the game.

As Adelaide 'Juve' stormed the Lions' goal in the early periods, the home team made several devastating breaks only to put in shots which would not have beaten a junior keeper.

Kistemaker's man-to-man marking failed to work in defence and Adelaide drew away players, then moved into the spaces which other Lions' players failed to cover.

Lions were reduced to 10 men — nine if Best is not counted — when big central defender Alan Hunter was kicked above the eye and had to go off for stitches.

Adelaide City pushed everything into attack to make the most of Lions' disadvantage and Maxwell nearly headed home in the 35th minute before scoring three minutes later after a sensational overlap by fullback Glen Dods.

Hunter returned to the field after the break but it took the visitors only 16 minutes to go

further ahead. Charlie Villani knocked a free kick to Paul Rankin who turned in a shot off Hunter's back.

At that state Kistemaker went for broke and pushed Stewart into attack, leaving only three at the back.

Then, with Peter McClurg drawn way out of position, Les Carter only had to beat right midfielder John Stewart, which he did twice, before being one-on-one with-keeper Nigel Lownds.

Lownds could scarcely believe it when he had to charge off his line to stop Carter, as other defenders watched, and only just failed to block his shot, which eventually rolled into the net past the lunging foot of McClurg.

Big Barry Kelso caused danger to the Adelaide defence only once and Kistemaker indicated the big man's future in the Lions NSL team is now in doubt.

But Lions, playing without new Heidelberg midfielder Rob Vincent, who strained a leg muscle at training last week, continued to fall apart and the fourth goal highlighted their ineptitude.

Maxwell hit a good shot which Lownds palmed onto the upright. With no Lions players in sight Joe Muller was able to retrieve the rebound and pass it back to Villani to crack into the net.

Kistemaker would no doubt love to make sweeping changes but with John O'Brien and Calvin Damsi and Jim McDonagh not in good form he has little choice but to persevere with his current squad.



Heidelberg 'keeper Jeff Oliver rises above team mate Don Macleod to punch clear of West Adelaide's Brenton Horn and Paul Wornley. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

Honeyman saves West

West Adel 2 Heidelberg 2

Scorers: West — Panagis 45th, Honeyman 81st, Heidelberg — Cole 63rd, Valentini 65th.

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Cautions: Yankos, Solemidis (Heidelberg).
Referee: T. Martell 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7, McGregor 7, Hiern 7, Dunn 7, Amey 7 — Brennan 7, Atzilas 7, Panagis 8 — Hays 8, Wornley 6, Honeyman 8.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 7, Yankos 8, Macleod 7, Tansey 8 — Solemidis 7, Campbell 7, Spanos 7, Valentini 7 — Lea 8, Cole 7.

Heidelberg turned a one goal deficit into a 2-1 second half lead but finally had to settle for a point after Graham Honeyman's late equaliser.

West, unbeaten in its past five matches, had the better of the first half with Steve Atzilas and Mick Brennan both having chances repelled by Jeff Oliver.

Heidelberg's best opportunity came early in the first half when Derek Lea volleyed into Marty Crook's arms.

The match seemed destined to become a game of missed opportunities when 17-year-old John Panagis intervened right on the stroke of half time.

Panagis, the goal-scoring star of the recent youth championships in Canberra and one of the top candidates for Australia's 1985 World Youth Cup squad, grabbed a glorious goal when he pounced on a Hays cross and smashed the ball into the roof of the net.

Panagis' first goal in the NSL was erased by the man who holds the competition record — Gary Cole.

The big central striker, playing his first game this year after injury, equalised in the 63rd minute when he beat Crook to a through ball and flicked it into the far corner.

The goal was his 82nd in the NSL.

Heidelberg struck again only three minutes later when Mike Valentini headed into the



Meno Toutsidis

corner despite a hefty challenge which ended with him poleaxed.

But the versatile midfielder quickly recovered.

West delighted its supporters with a late equaliser from the foot of Graham Honeyman, top scorer last season but without a goal in 1983.

Honeyman, despite being confronted by a wall of defenders, crashed his free kick into the top right hand corner.

One of Heidelberg's best performers was the diminutive Derek Lea who looked a classy player and gave West's defence some anxious moments.

With Cole back, Lea could well fill the role played so well by Jamie Paton (now with Footscray) whose partnership with Cole resulted in so many goals.

Channon, Lowe battle in vain

Newcastle 0 Brisb. City 0

Scorers: 47th Gockner
Venue: International Sports Centre
Crowd: 2722

Referee: Rob Davies ... 5.
Cautions: Hughes [B.C.] Gockner [B.C.]

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gossing 6, Malar 7, Boogard 7, Watson 7, Tredinnick 6, Lowe 8, Senkalski 8, Mason 7, Cowburn 6, Channon 8, Mountford 6.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8, Kowtan 7, Williamson 7, Hughes 7, Liddell 8, Wilkinson 7, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 8, Falco 6, Glockner 6, Bromfield 6.

Even allowing for the physical treatment the Newcastle players received at the ultra-defensive tactics employed by Brisbane City, Newcastle should have won the game handsomely.

Newcastle played some good football for most of the game, Senkalski being the



Joe Lanzoni

main architect in the midfield, combining with Mick Channon and David Lowe to create promising moves only to see them thwarted by a very alert City defence.

When the defence was finally breached luck came to City's rescue. Twice David Lowe rattled the woodwork.

It was Lowe who missed the best opportunity to bring the local back on level terms when Channon weaved his way around the defence along the by line before squeezing the ball past Wishart in the goalmouth when Mountford and Lowe waited.

The ball deceived Mountford and possibly this put off Lowe because after striking his shin, the ball took off at 45 degrees and rolled helplessly past the post for a goal kick.

With the minutes rolling to miss

a good opportunity when well served by Cowburn but his weak attempt rolled past the post.

After all this misadventure at one at one end of the field the tale would not have been complete if a similar occurrence did not produce what turned out to be the winning goal.

Only two minutes after the resumption a Pimblett cross from the left was headed on by Gockner to Angelo Falco in a lot of space on the right, and his innocuous looking shot was inexplicably fumbled by Clint Gossing right at the feet of Steve Glockner who could not believe his good fortune and tapped it into an empty net.

That was possibly the only shot at goal Brisbane City had all afternoon.

Then Mick Channon dug deep into all his vast experience and used all his tricks to create the breakthrough, but for one reason or another the breakthrough did not come.

Lowe also took matters into his own hands and desperately tried to take players on but found the wall of blue shirts a difficult hurdle.

Super leagues would make money

From page one

The NSL is failing, despite the confidence being displayed by its chairman, Sam Paspavas.

As arguments, he points to the results of the national team and the increased standard of play as the main evidence of success. May I remind him that Australia has been achieving results equally as good since 1970 when we were defeating such teams as Uruguay and holding our own with Santos of Brazil and the English FA, as well as qualifying for the World Cup finals, with every man giving his last ounce of blood for the green and gold, despite what Sir Arthur George may think.

I suggest it is time to go back to the drawing board and come up with a 16-year blueprint to firmly establish the game on its merits; every individual contributing his views for the sake of the State, every State contributing for the sake of the country — forget the parochial attitudes which have crippled the sport for so long.

I would like to see the Australian Soccer Federation committing itself totally to State super leagues with national play-offs, followed by international tournaments. I can hear the turnstiles clicking just by writing about it.

Back now to the Rasic situation. Learning from it may help us achieve stability in the sport.

I do not wish to take sides in what has become a cloak-and-dagger affair, but I would like to put the record straight in the hope that the same mistakes may be avoided in future.

I have no doubt that a few things Rasic did were not too pleasing to the Hellas players, but let's trace the succession of events.

At the start of the season, I sat in on several talks between Rasic and the players. To say that I could not believe the sums of money being spoken about at that time is an understatement, yet still some of the players were dissatisfied.

The air of expectancy and confidence at the club was electrifying. Initial results were reasonably pleasing but for one reason or another, a few players were struggling to find form: the same players, I might add, in whom Rasic had placed his faith.

Results got worse and instead of these players knocking down to the job at hand, they took the easy way out and cried on a few shoulders which were readily available. This was Rasic made a mistake.

He did not believe it was happening and firmly believed the problem was temporary. Yet for four to six weeks before the Rasic sacking, Hellas was negotiating with other coaches.

I am not writing this article to convey bitterness but in the hope that for the sake of the game in this country, the same type of thing can be stamped out in future.

Poulakakis, Margaritis, Marenlos, Dacchetti, Rasic — all men with excellent track records — were unable to stop the rot at Hellas and in my view, all were dismissed because of player power.

My good friend Len McKendry is now charged with the responsibility of making the sleeping giant great.

He can, but every administrator at Hellas must make McKendry's job easier for him by ensuring that their highly-paid players are kept firmly in line, otherwise in a few months it will be a question of — NEXT? McKendry is a man of fierce ambition and the ability to keep players in line but can the administrators dismiss the moaning few?

I hope this article will induce everybody involved in the game, from Sir Arthur George down — administrators, coaches and players alike — to make the critical assessment to what their contribution is to this magnificent country.

Only by being honest will we come up with the answers required but I'm afraid honesty is not a virtue we have in surplus through the sport. For those of you who pass this appraisal, keep up the good work!

Valeri back with a bang

A.P.I.A. 4 Wollongong 1

Goals: Bradley 2, DeCeglie, Valeri (APIA), O'Connor (W).
Ground: Lambert Park
Crowd: 2674
Referee: Arthur Owens 7.
Yellow cards: Tredinnick (A), Ainsworth, McBrean, Cotton, O'Connor (W).
Red cards: Nil.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Parkes 7, Carter 7, Brown 7, Bertogna 8, Mariani 8, Mossello 8, Bradley 9, Gray 7, Valeri 8, Tredinnick 7, DeCeglie 7.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 8, Willis 7, Ainsworth 6, Mulhauser 6, Pollard 6, Kerr 6, Baker 5 (Flaming 68'), McBrean 6, Cotton 6, Gaffney 7, O'Connor 7.

Wollongong fought hard for some time during the first period but its efforts never amounted to much after the home side had scored its opening goal with 10 minutes remaining in the period.

Peter Tredinnick, the ex-Wollongong player, created an opening with DeCeglie having a hand in what was to be a goal by John Bradley from close range. DeCeglie's shot was deflected to Bradley and Vardareff hit his left-footer wide of the keeper.

A horror of a back pass by Warren Baker soon after resumption gave DeCeglie an unexpected gift goal and APIA took command.



Alex Vesic

Wollongong hit back through O'Connor but never looked like getting back into the game, with APIA constantly surging forward looking for goals.

Walter Valeri, Peter Tredinnick and Tony Mossello toyed with the Wolves' backline, giving Vardareff some heavy work in the closing stages.

Bradley got an ideal pass from DeCeglie, and beat one player before pushing it past the Wollongong keeper.

Then Walter Valeri closed the innings for the local side by hitting a well controlled shot past Vardareff in the last minute of the match and make it a memorable one for the 2,500 strong support at Lambert park.

APIA did not have a poor link in the side, with Bertogna and Mariani starring at the back, Bradley, Mossello and Tredinnick running riot up front and DeCeglie having a hand in almost every front running move.

John Bradley, despite missing some clear scoring opportunities, gets the nod as the best on the park, while Phil O'Connor still remains his best for the visitors despite no-existent service for the front runners.

DOCHERTY BITTER IN DEFEAT

Sydney C 2
Olympic 1

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.
Crowd: 6800.
Scorers: Souness (SC) 3rd min, Paterson (O), 74th min, Murray (SC) 88th min.
Cautions: Barnes, Robertson, O'Connor (SC); Coady, Soper (O).
Referee: Rennie 3.

Peter Scott

either way, but overall the three points were grabbed by the team which was somewhat superior for most of the match.

Docherty must really look for the problems in his own side if his confident prediction of a championship title is to become something more than a pipedream.

He isn't planning wholesale changes against Marconi on Sunday, and no wonder. There isn't very much to spare.

Tony Dakos could strengthen the defence, but what about Katholos, who was almost invisible for most of the 90 minutes?

Or Soper, who is so busy inflicting bodily harm that he has precious little time left over for a bit of football.

Fronting up against eternal rival St George Budapest, Hakoah also has problems.

There is a question mark over O'Connor, Barnes and Robertson, who all collected cautions.

One thing the champions have on everyone else is their seemingly inexhaustible depth in reserves.

They will need it, with David Mitchell also having played his last game before flying out from Scotland and a trial with Rangers.

Smarting from their 5-1 drubbing by Olympic, the champs struck early. First Paul Kay being desperately unlucky not to score, and then Ian Souness making up for it almost immediately by curling a clever corner kick into the net.

In front and playing composed, thoughtful and controlled soccer, Hakoah only thwarted time and again by the effective Olympic off-side trap.

The "star" at this stage, and most of the game, was referee Rennie, who put on an atrocious display, resulting in a degeneration which could have erupted into something very nasty on and off the pitch.

In the 36th minute he also managed to ignore claims for a penalty kick when, five metres away and right in front of his eyes, John Kosmina was unceremoniously grabbed around the neck and chest by an Olympic defender.

Paterson hit the cross bar with a beautiful header in the 55th minute, and almost 20 minutes later he put on a repeat performance to equalise.

But then, as so often in recent years, Sydney City Hakoah showed the stuff champions are made of by applying the coup de grace in the 88th minute.

Kay and Mitchell worked well to get substitute Willie Murray in position to score, and he did just that.

It could even have been a wider margin as two Mitchell headers were scrambled off the line in injury time by Coady and Meier.

Tommy Docherty

Tommy Docherty's denigration and criticism of other clubs and coaches in the media is getting beyond the bounds not only of good taste, but also of facts.

His pronounced disappointment on radio 2GB over the size of the announced crowd of 6800 can be put into proper context by a comment overheard from an Olympic official:

"If we have a crowd this big, we say it's 12,000."

I for one have long had my suspicions about the multi-tudes announced in attendance at Pratten Park.

Those suspicions are now confirmed, straight from the horse's mouth.

David Mitchell starts his six-week trial with Glasgow Rangers on August 1, hoping for a contract at the end of that time.

If things don't work out he has another, as yet unnamed, club up his sleeve.

David flies out next Monday, but before that will appear as a guest with his old club Adelaide City Juventus against local rival West Adelaide Hellas in a friendly tonight (Wednesday).

The other star attraction? George Best, and I know who will provide better value for the fans dollars.

Back to the irrepressible Docherty, he loudly proclaimed that it is unlikely that Hakoah will ever attract people playing the way it did last Sunday.

This from the coach who has drilled the offside trap into his defence in a manner which is only surpassed by Rale Rasic's teams in this country.

The Olympic coach also denounced the "brawl" put on, allegedly, by Eddie Thomson's men.

Obviously, Tommy did not bother to examine the legs of Joe Watson and a number of Joe's team mates after the final whistle. I did.

The time may have arrived for Tommy to concentrate on producing the goods instead of rushing into print and over the airwaves denigrating other clubs and suggesting that people stay away from their matches.

Lucky we aren't in Europe, where referees immediately call off a match if missiles are thrown onto the field by the maroons who are present in all crowds.

The sky was filled by apples, cans full of soft drinks, various other unidentifiable items and, for good measure, a metal garbage can full of smelly items at the Athletic Field.

Come to think of it, are we really lucky our refs turn a blind eye to such behaviour?

And a final word on refereeing. On this at least Docherty and Thomson were in full accord.

As Tommy said: "If players are allowed to get away with the kind of actions they indulged in today, then they will increasingly apply them."

Doug Rennie put on a display in this needle match, which calls into question the appropriateness of his NSL assignments.

WATCH J.U.S.T. GO!



Steve Blair of Hellas powers away from J.U.S.T. scorer, Jamie Paton. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

SM-Hellas 1 Foots JUST 1

Scorers: 1-0 Egan 20th; 1-1 Paton 40th.
Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: about 3000.
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 7.

Cautions: Carroll (JUST), Holford (Hellas).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 8, Blair 9, Xanthopoulos 7, Zyzadorn 7 — Davidson 7, Holford 8, Crino 8, Murphy 7 — Egan 7, Brown 7 (Woodfin 72nd). Coach: Len McKendry.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 8 — Taylor 7, Tait 8, Kyriakoulas 8, Hazabent 8 — McDowell 7, Balic 7, O'Donnell 7 — Carroll 7, Paton 7 (Purdie 72nd), Lujic 7. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

Watch out for Footscray J.U.S.T. Before you know it, the perennial strugglers will be in a mid-table position.

J.U.S.T. plays 10 of its remaining 14 matches in Melbourne.

Not only does it have one of the best balanced and hardest-

Barton breaks through

Makedonia 1
St George 1

Scorers: Ward 16m, Barton 88m.
Ground: Connor Reserve.
Attendance: 4000 (estimates).

Referee: Jim Fearn 7.
Cautions: Wilkinson, Ward.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8, Opatinas 7, Jones 9, Ollerant 8, McMillan 9, Iliakski 6, Odzakov 7, Flavell 6, Campbell 9, Ward 7, Luchesi 7.
ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 8, Steen 9, Wilson 7 (Petkovski 71m), Ratcliffe 9, R. O'Shea 7, Stone 6, J. O'Shea 7, Barton 7, Slater 7, Wilkinson 6, Marton 6.

Wily St George coach Frank Arok acknowledged that his side needs an injection of new blood if it is to put in a serious effort for the title.

"I'm quite satisfied with the work rate of the team and I'm confident that sooner or later we're going to put six or seven in the net in one game because we are creating the chances."

But with some players there isn't the same enthusiasm, and let's face it, in the case of Dez Marton he is not getting any younger. Arok said in his usual no nonsense approach to the game.

Marton might not have been as sharp as in his heyday but nevertheless credit for him being quieter than usual on Sunday must go to George McMillan.

McMillan, himself no spring chicken, has almost become an institution in his six years at Makedonia and his hard running, hard tackling, full-blooded commitment to the game will long remain a hallmark of his service to the club.

He and David Jones stood out in a good defensive performance by the home side but all the hard work they put in over the 90 minutes was lost because St George managed an equaliser a mere two minutes from the end of an absorbing game.

"We're obviously disappointed because a win would have opened a bigger gap at the top."

"If they had scored any earlier we might have been able to do something about it but we can't be too unhappy because St George is a good side which fought very hard on the day."

Makedonia coach Peter Ollerant said.

Mark Barton is making a habit of scoring goals against Makedonia. After getting



Peter Desira

somewhat of a lucky bounce off Zarko Odzakov with his first attempt, he let fly a superb dipping shot from the edge of the box, giving Richard Wilson no chance as the ball sailed into the top of the net.

Two minutes before the goal Marton got his only real scoring chance, smashing the ball against the crossbar with a spectacular overhead kick

after Robbie Slater had headed it into his path.

Prior to that the best scoring chances had fallen to Makedonia.

The home side took the lead in the 16th minute with a twice taken penalty by Gary Ward after keeper Terry Greedy had fouled Claude Luchesi who had broken through on his own from the half way line.

Greedy saved Ward's first spotkick but referee Jim Fearn ruled the keeper had moved too early. Ward made no mistake the second time.

The draw put an end to Preston's sequence of seven consecutive home wins but the side has now gone 11 matches without defeat and the prospect of the championship coming to Connor Reserve gathers momentum as the weeks roll by.



Laurie Schwab

fighting teams in the league, but it also has one of the shrewdest leaders in Bobby McLachlan.

Kyri Kyriakoulas is emerging as one of the best stoppers in the land. Gary McDowell and Brian O'Donnell have added a lot of grit to the midfield and Zdravko Lujic is recapturing his best form because he's fighting for the ball now.

The two giants of the match were the stoppers — Steve Blair of Hellas and Kyri Kyriakoulas of J.U.S.T.

And the most exciting player was Oscar Crino who twice came close to winning the game for Hellas.

The best two saves of the game were made by Boland.

In the 17th minute, he got behind a close-range shot by Carl Holford, but had to change direction in a split-second as the shot caught a deflection, and it was to his everlasting credit that he managed to push the ball past the post.

In the 65th minute, with the score at 1-1, Boland dived like a trapeze artist to get to a free kick from Ken Murphy.

But he was caught in no-man's land when Hellas scored its goal.

He reacted to a mix-up in the defence by coming out towards the trouble, but Holford picked up the ball and lobbed it over Boland, leaving Egan with the simple task of heading into the net from almost on the goal line.

J.U.S.T. equalised when Igor Hazabent played the ball over the Hellas defence to Lujic on the left. Lujic crossed near post and Paton neatly headed in.

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MARCONI: James 8, Bozanic 7, Budini 8, Calderan 7, Rizotto 7, Sermanni 7, Jankovic 8, Hunter 7 (Djordjevic 76th), Licata 8, Brown 7, Carbone 7.
CANBERRA: Hozowski 7, Murray 8, Young 8, Christopoulos 8, Bryant 8, Stenon 7, T. Byrne 8, Cole 8, Brennan 8, Gibson 8, Farina 8.
Referee: Bob Mee.
Cautions (Stone and Murray yellow cards).
Crowd: 1350.
Scorers — Marc: Bozanic pen, Brown; Can: Bryant pen, T. Byrne.

Down and out at 0-2 at half-time, Canberra staged a superb second-half recovery to earn this 2-2 draw.



Peter Windsor

In the second half Marconi's best friend was the crossbar — or Ian Gibson, depending on your point of view.

"Canberra has to start believing in themselves," he said. "In the first half there wasn't the necessary commitment. In the second it was a different story," coach Atti Abonyi said afterwards.

Despite the small crowd it must rate as the most exciting

— and perhaps the fastest — game of the season.

In the first half Canberra allowed Marconi to gain far too much possession and was stunned by a 10th minute penalty decision.

But referee Bob Mee was right. Gibson did foul inside the box and from that spot kick Marconi defender Vic Bozanic found the net.

Nearly two minutes into first half injury time came Marconi's second goal.

Licata was allowed room by Andrew Young on the right flank and hit a high cross. Perhaps he mis-hit it.

The ball fell short and striker Rod Brown burst through to head the goal.

Who would have thought

Canberra could have come back?

But come back they did. When Ian Gibson was free on the right flank his fine cross found midfielder Terry Byrne's head. The first attempt Bruce James stopped with a great reflex save but the second Byrne headed into the roof of the net.

Then came Canberra's turn for a spot kick after Gibson was felled in the 67th minute. It was Steve Bryant who took it and made no mistake.

Five minutes later came Gibson's first header against the bar — the second occurring just five minutes from full time.

It was a great game. No one could deny they didn't get every cent of their four dollars' worth.

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

Poland to send a second-rate side

Allow me to go on record now, in July, as I hate hindsight intelligence: there will be all sorts of difficulties with Poland playing in our November tournament.

In case you don't know: the Polish championship is in full swing at that time of the year and there is no way that they would release their star players for a fairly meaningless tour.

Personally, I doubt if there will be a Polish team here in November at all.

If there is — it will not be its national side, not even its B-side, but possibly a composite youth team, if that.

Uruguay and Cameroon the other two invitees, can defer any number of their league matches to accommodate national team tours — but not the Europeans.

Let's see if I am proved wrong.

I find it rather amusing how some of our makeshift TV commentators on O-28 show all the commendable bias expected from ordinary fans.

For most of the match they carry on their descriptions with admirable zeal — a trifle too much, here and there, forgetting that it's TV and not radio.

Then it comes to those goals. When the home team, clearly close to the heart of the commentator, scores, he goes into ecstasy, shrieking and screaming and, possibly kissing his microphone.

But when the opponents score, comes the laconic comment: "Yes, well, it's a goal... yes, it is a goal... hm, hm, what's the name got it, number 8 or number 10, I'll find out in a second..."

Wollongong, Newcastle and Brisbane take the palm in this field, who said local patriotism was dead?

With a last minute decision, the Italian Federation — FIGC — stopped the signing of Brazilian stars Zico, Junior and Toninho Cerezo by Italian clubs as there is now a complete ban on new foreign imports.

The clubs concerned — Udinese, Roma and Genoa — were bitterly disappointed but accepted the decision.

Imagine what would happen in Australia...

The club and its State would demand an ASF meeting; there would be days of telephone lobbying; someone would find a dog-eaten copy of the constitution and actually read it; there would be pleas to the Ethnic Affairs Commission and the Anti-Discrimination Board; and finally, the decision would be altered, amended, watered down or somehow reversed.

On a smaller scale, can you visualise what



Zico — banned from Italy

fuss there would be if the ASF — temporarily coming out of its snore — tried to ban the guest-player arrangements of Mick Channon and George Best, on the ground that clubs must be protected against themselves?

Italy might have had 44 governments since the war — but it runs its soccer logically.

We have complete stability in Canberra — and "Italian chaos" in our soccer.

Clearly, you can't have both.

This is not meant as a dig at Les Scheinflug, merely a general comment: what the heck can a fulltime national coach be doing in Australia with his time?

His last active involvement was with the young Socceroos in Mexico early June — and the next one will be in the planned November international tournament.

Not only Les but anybody else in his shoes would get bored beyond belief by doing nothing for about four months.

I know that the national coach can go and "look" at a number of players; but for four months?

Personally, I think Scheinflug is wasting his time: a coach with his record and vast experience would be more useful to our soccer with a club.

He did well with Adelaide City and brilliantly with Marconi. Can we afford to take him out of circulation to perform a job which, with our very limited international program, is ideal for a part-time man?

And let Scheinflug be that part-time man, if he is the best candidate.

But it's awfully "nouveau riche" for a country like Australia to pretend that with our "busy" international calendar, we must have a fulltime national coach.

Zico — banned from Italy

SA players not getting a fair go says Atsals

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

West Adelaide's 22-year-old midfielder Steve Atsals has a message for Les Scheinflug — come to Adelaide and have a look at some South Australian players for a change!

"I've never heard of the national team coach coming to watch any of our home games. Yet, when we've been playing in Sydney or Melbourne, people have come into the dressing room before the kick-off to tell us that Les Scheinflug is watching the game," said Atsals.

"Why doesn't he come to South Australia regularly? He's supposed to be full-time, isn't he?"

Atsals is echoing the prevailing South Australian sentiment, with some justification too. Even when West Adelaide won the 1978 national league championship, South Australian Socceroos were a rarity. Indeed, an injury to goalkeeper Marty Crook made the breed extinct during Australia's recent three-match series against England.

Atsals joined West Adelaide as an under-12 midfielder, so he's been at the club for a decade. His parents came from Sparta, in southern Greece, and have been here for 25 years. The family runs the Atsals Continental Grocery in Henley Beach Road, Adelaide, but it's unlikely that Steve Atsals will go into the family business on a full-time basis. He finished his Bachelor of Education degree at Flinders University last year, majoring in physical education, and started teaching two weeks ago at Campbelltown High School, where he coaches the school's under-14 team.

"My degree took four years of full-time study to obtain but it worked in well with soccer. I had to do coaching courses and obviously I chose soccer as the area in which to work. I've got my preliminary coaching badge course," said Atsals.

"Coaching the kids is great. Most of them knew me already from being with testing problems. Most of the kids are of European origin so their skill level is very high and they're a good side."

Atsals made his national league debut with Wests in 1979, under coach Gerry Chaidi. He played the first five games of the season but Chaidi dropped him and the youngster found it difficult to establish himself as a first-team regular, until last year, when he scored the winner in Wests' 2-1 win over local rival Adelaide City. It was his first game of the season.



Steve Atsals

"I was surprised when Chaidi dropped me because I felt that I was getting used to the national league standard. There's too much expected of kids far too early. You need at least six to 10 games to get the feel of the match rhythm."

"I was in and out of the side for a while until knocking in that winner against Adelaide City last year. It was like a dream come true, to grab the vital goal in a derby. I was on a high for about two weeks after the game."

Atsals has played in every NSL game with Wests this season but he isn't complacent about retaining his first team place.

"Everyone is pushing for a place in our starting line-up. Our State League First Division team is going well so if any of the NSL players slip up or get injured then they'll find it hard to get back into the side."

"Alan Vest has to be one of the best coaches I've played under. He's got the respect of all his players and he's a fierce competitor. He's got his own thoughts on the game and he sticks by them. Other coaches often get told what to do by the committee, but not Alan. He stands up for his players and we stand by him."

"The committee is right behind him and the team right now. West Adelaide

certainly has a big future in the NSL, no matter how the league is run next year, although our crowds have dropped off and that's a worry. The Greek fans want to see young Greek lads coming through the ranks and we've got a couple like John Panagis and John Papazoglou in that category. Maybe once these youngsters develop and can establish themselves in the team, the fans will come back.

"Panagis will make it in a big way, as far as I'm concerned. He busts his guts at training and he's got a lot of skill."

Atsals isn't in favor of the new three-point win system adopted by the NSL this year. He feels that the gap between a win and a draw is too great, especially away from home.

"We play a possession game and because you have to work so hard to win the ball, it's silly to give it away easily. At home everyone pushes forward more, whereas we tend to play it a bit safer away from home. But with this three-point win thing, you can't really hold back for a draw, otherwise you'll lose touch with the leaders. If you win it can mean a big jump up the table but I think that the two-point gap between winning and drawing is far too great. It seems unfair to me to draw and virtually lose two points."

Atsals has a fine soccer pedigree, not just with Wests but also with South Australian representative sides at junior level. He now has established himself as a regular in Wests' starting line-up, which is a major step toward achieving his main goal.

"I want to play in a West Adelaide side which wins a national league championship. I remember the 1978 Wests team, the only team to take the national title away from Sydney. It was like one large family. Everyone stuck closely together and the spirit among the players was unbelievably high. I want to be part of such an experience."

Traynor's troops on the move — Richardson

Sunshine George Cross star Steve Richardson may still have been playing with Scottish giant Glasgow Rangers, had the club not hired former player Dave Provan on its coaching staff.

Now 22, Richardson never saw eye-to-eye with Provan and eventually was given a free transfer in 1981, joining Ardrie as a part timer.

"I never got on with Provan. I couldn't help feeling that it was because I came from the east of Scotland," said Edinburgh-born Richardson.

"Facts bear me out. In Provan's first two seasons at Ibrox, eight players were freed, seven coming from the east coast. You can't help but feel that there was a bit of prejudice there."

Richardson played with Tynecastle boys club as a youngster, playing in the club's three Scottish Cup triumphs. He joined Rangers as a 17 year old in 1977, signing professional forms the following year.

Richardson, a tall, strong central defender with excellent disposal, captained the Rangers' youth team under

18) which won a prestigious annual tournament in France in 1978, defeating such glamorous opponents as PSV Eindhoven, Real Madrid, Benfica and Inter Milan.

Until his unhappy release to Ardrie, he made 12 first team appearances for Rangers, winning a Dryburgh Cup winner's medal along the way when Rangers defeated fierce local Glasgow Celtic in the final.

Richardson's switch to Ardrie also entailed a change of lifestyle. Now playing only as a part timer, he had to find a job. He worked in a biscuit factory, in "a rotten job" and found that this soccer suffered.

"I just had to get away. I thought about going to Ardrie to play when the chance to go to Australia came and I decided to join George Cross. I'm glad I came here. It seems to me that soccer in America is more for the superstars of the past."

Richardson arrived in Australia in October last year. He hasn't had a happy season with the newly formed Sunshine George Cross, courtesy of a nasty ankle injury incurred seven weeks ago.

"I went to Scotland a few weeks back for a fortnight and I got married over there. When I returned, about three weeks ago, I played in the reserves against Juventus and the following week I was back in the 13-man first team pool."

In a standard of State League's not that bad. There are a couple of teams that would do well against some of the sides in Scotland. Melbourne Croatia really impressed me. They're very well organised. They were brilliant against us earlier in the season.

"But I've got to say that some State League sides are poor. Ardrie's a poor team. No way did they try and play football against us. All they wanted to do was defend. Ringwood Wilhelmia's not very good and the way Doveyton is playing it beats me how they defeated us earlier. They've got a few good individuals but they're not really a good team. Their midfielder John Dowie, would be brilliant on a better side. Yes, there's a fair gap between the top sides and some of the others."

Sunshine-George Cross didn't make a good start to the season but recently the club has started to pick up points consistently and Richardson is convinced that his club will finish off the season well.



Steve Richardson in his Glasgow Rangers' strip

"I think people thought that because the two clubs were amalgamated, then having about 40 players to pick from would mean that we'd automatically be a top team. To be honest, we had a few bad players at first, and although Tony Vella tried hard and gave us everything he's got, I don't think that he was the right man for the coaching job."

"What can I say about our present coach, Tommy Traynor? He's played at top level for 12 years and been under some of the best coaches in Scotland. You couldn't teach him much more about the game. His attitude toward winning is what stands out. Early the spirit among the players wasn't the best but that's all changed. Tommy's a very straightforward guy. He says it all up front. That's what players appreciate. All of us know exactly where we stand."

"There's every reason to believe that our recent good form will continue and I can see us finishing fifth or sixth in the league, which will be a fine thing if you consider our fairly poor start to the season."

Richardson works as a fork-lift driver for Hunter's Products in Williamstown. Along with his wife Yvonne, also from the Edinburgh, he has applied for permanent residency and he wants to settle in Australia.

He hasn't received much publicity since coming here late last year but the best yardstick for a player's ability is recognition by his peers. On that measure alone, Steve Richardson will be one of the real stars of the Victorian scene for years to come.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Makedonia, J.U.S.T. give value for money

Everybody knows there are four NSL teams in Melbourne and up to now I believe most of the glamor and publicity has centred around South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg United.

However, in the past two weeks I have had the pleasure of watching Preston Makedonia and Footscray JUST. I deliberately use the word "pleasure" because in each case I witnessed good games but also experienced a refreshing vibrancy at both clubs.

The reasons for Makedonia's excitement may well be deemed obvious because it currently heads the NSL title chase and the superb team



Tim White

TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

spirit which is evident at the club at the moment could well be one of the reasons why it tops the table.

On the other hand JUST, which is at the other end of the table, also has a new-found spirit and a buzz of excitement is evident in its changing rooms. I certainly have not witnessed this before.

Makedonia has, by a process of team building, hit on what would appear at this stage to be a winning formula. Richard Wilson is obviously one of the better goalkeepers in the coun-

try and together with his back four, has established an enviable defensive record. Con Opasinas is fast blossoming into a good attacking full back. He obviously is helped enormously by the experience of David Jones and Peter Oller-ton at the back. George McMillan, together with these players, makes up a formidable defence.

The midfield appears to be the real strength of the team where there is a good blend of strength and skill. Gordon Flavell provides the bite in this department and his ability to



Zarko Odzakovic

win balls in front of the back four, relieves pressure on the defence and of course provides the bite in front of the back four, relieves pressure on the defence and of course provides the platform from which to launch attacks.

Zarko Odzakovic is one of the best imports I have seen in this country. He is skilful, like so many players from central Europe but he combines that skill with strength which makes him a good all-round player. He has worked hard to adjust to Australian conditions and is now combining his obvious ability on the ball with power and determination. His willingness to work off the ball, which is essential to our players, makes him different in my opinions from other players who have come from Europe. Added to all this he scores goals which makes him a very good acquisition to Makedonia.

The subtle skills of Zovan Ilioski help to make the Makedonia midfield a feared department. The little dynamo,

George Campbell, provides an extra man in midfield or up front and when required. What a tremendous asset he is to the team and what a good crowd pleaser too.

All this teamwork would count for nothing if goals were not being scored. Gary Ward and Claude Lucchesi see to that and their aerial power, work rate and ability to score provide the final link to a well oiled machine. George Todorovski, Alex Livingstone and Ljube Petrovski are waiting anxiously for chances and this provides the necessary stimulus for the first 11 to perform.

Footscray JUST will lift itself from off the bottom in the second half of the season. Team building at JUST has resulted in a side which combines skill, grit and determination.

Gary McDowell is an obvious asset to the team and he provides a toughness which long has been absent. Make no mistake, he is a skilful player too and is very good in the air. Vlatko Belic is at last not over-awed by his team-mates and is starting to fulfil the promise shown in his early playing days. Suleiman Curovic is playing extremely well and when he improves his distribution will be a brilliant player. Joe Carroll's delicate skills provide several good openings for Jamie Paton who slowly is recovering the goal scoring ability he once had.

The coming of the new season of grit and determination and the skill that always has been present at JUST will make it very formidable opposition indeed in the second half of the season.

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midfield, and John Bradley is in midfield although APIA recently has been using him in attack.

Claude Lucchesi was level on votes with David Lowe (Newcastle) and Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide) but gained a position among the all-stars because he had scored more goals than the other two.

We did not make a distinction between sweeper and stopper in the middle of the defence, as such players can fill either position.



42. Terry GREEDY
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36. Hoszowski (Can)
24. Boland (Foots. JUST)



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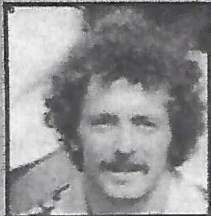
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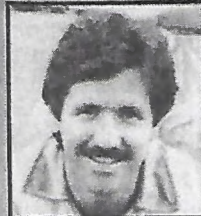
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24. Spanos (H'berg)
21. McMillan (Prest.Mak.)



31. John BRADLEY
(APIA)

29. Belic (Foots. JUST)
25. Carroll (Foots. JUST)



34. Tommy SERMANNI
(Marconi)

29. Odzakov (Prest. Mak)
24. Scharmann (APIA)



37. Steve BRYANT
(Canberra)

28. Katholos (Olymp)
23. McCulloch (Marc)



45. Phil O'CONNOR
(Wollongong)

21. Watson (SC)
21. Wright (Bris. L.)



26. Claude LUCCHESI
(Prest. Mak.)

26. Lowe (Newc)
21. Jankovics (Marc)



28. George CAMPBELL
(Prest. Mak.)

26. Honeyman (W. Adel)
20. Mullen (Adel. C)

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Ted Dilworth new coach of Croydon

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Stevenson 90th) CROYDON 2 (Wade 60th, Dobson 75th) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Cornill 6, Richardson 6, O'Reilly 7 (sent off 54th), Scarri 7, Taylor 7 - Stevenson 7, G. Bennett 7, Kerr 6 - Bain 6 (McDonnell 7th, McKinley 75th), Gilder 7, Peto 6. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

CROYDON: Kastner 8 - Rainey 6, Marley 9, McCombe 7, Hobson 7 - Brown 6, Dobson 7, Wade 7 - P. Loughnane 8, Sweeney 6, Nolan 7. Coach: Bill McArthur.



Bill McArthur

Ted Dilworth is the new coach of Croydon, which sacked Bill McArthur after this win when he refused to accept an ultimatum delivered to him by the club's board of management last week at training.

Dilworth has been coaching Croydon's reserves this year and was in charge of the youth team last season. He coached Mooroolbark from Metro Fourth Division to First Division in the 1970's and is an ASF staff coach.

The chain of events leading to McArthur's departure first unfolded at the club's board meeting on Monday last week.

There, it was resolved that McArthur would be told to accept a \$50 drop in wages, which would be refunded when and if the first team got into the top four. The board also resolved that an assistant coach be appointed and Gus Macleod was his choice.

McArthur was told of the board's resolutions on the next night, Tuesday.

"The board told me that with the squad we had we should be in the top four. I agree. And I must accept responsibility for the side not doing as well as anticipated," said McArthur.

"I accept that the board can hire and fire as it sees fit, but I couldn't see any logic in its decision to cut my wages. The money looked to me to be

solved that we only were achieving about 50 percent of our playing potential and something had to be done.

We wanted to put Billy on an incentive scheme just like the players are on. He had an assistant last year in Colin Hasler but the increase in Billy's salary this year meant that the club wasn't in a position to afford to hire Colin. We've spent a lot in getting together the best squad Croydon's ever had. We paid J.U.S.T. \$2,500 for Gus Macleod, \$1,000 to Pollok for Joe Sweeney, \$400 to Pollok for Steve Marley and \$4,000 to Doveton for Stevie Irvine. The only player we ever knocked Billy back on this year was Ged Bannan of Juventus.

"The squad is too big. We told Billy this earlier and asked him to get back to us and let us know who we should sell. He never did this."

Croydon's board of management decided, late last Sunday night, not to appoint a playing coach. It felt that the players should be left to concentrate solely on their on-field responsibilities and appointed Dilworth as coach for the remainder of the season.

Marley, ex-Hibs, made his senior debut against Sunshine-George Cross. The 22 year old was most impressive, turning in a man-of-the-match performance.

The combine was disappointing in a match vital to its attempt to climb up the league ladder. Jim O'Reilly created history in this clash by being sent off for the first time in his long playing career, for allegedly using foul and abusive language.

"Croydon took the lead in the 60th minute when Paul Wade headed in from an Ian Dobson cross.

The visitors went 2-0 up 15 minutes later. Mark Brown went the ball in midfield, made a fine run down the right then crossed and midfielder Dobson headed firmly past Alan Conington.

John Stevenson grabbed a consolation goal for Sunshine-George Cross in the last minute with a superbly struck low drive from outside the area.



Paul Lewis

ALBION ROVERS 0 GREEN GULLY 1 (Paul Lewis 94th) at Selwyn Park on Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 8, McIvor 6, Douglas 6, McManus 6, Coyle 6, Karapatsos 6, Smart 6, Ferris 6, O'Sullivan 6, Dickson 6, Reilly 6. Coach: John Murray.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 6, Peter Lewis 6, Short 7, Cannell 6, Hogben 6, Vassallo 6, Boyle 6, Smallman 6, Williams 6, Toal 7, Paul Lewis 7. Coach: Dave Smallman.

As far as football skills were concerned, this game was a dismal flop, and a bitter disappointment to Gully fans who are hoping against hope that their heroes can retain their title ... no chance!

But any possible boredom for the spectators was eliminated by the antics of referee George Apostolou, who reduced the whole affair to a near-farce.

Polonia to triumph in top four battle

If Box Hill's destiny is to compete in the 1983 State League Cup then it will beat Polonia at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday. That's a big "if" considering that the Polish-sponsored home team should be back to full strength after last weekend's hiccup against Northcote.

I'm going to stick out my neck and tip a Polonia win but I want to acknowledge what I consider to be a magnificent job done by Box Hill this year, in establishing itself as a State League force.

Every team in the league now knows that trips to Wembley Park are fraught with danger, just recognition for the work of the Hillmen's coaching staff, players and committee. And Box Hill is the only club in the league that can boast an impressive array of home grown talent and provided it keeps its side together can look forward to an even more outstanding season next year.

My credibility as a tipster is at the crossroads. I've missed out on every important game this season. I tipped Ajax and Croatia to beat Juventus earlier in the year and was wrong. I tipped Ajax to beat Croatia at Green Gully Reserve. The game was drawn. I tipped Croatia to beat Ajax at Olympic Park. Ajax won.

The message to the Polonia players is clear. If you want good publicity in these pages you'll have to do me a favor on Sunday.

Seriously though, I know that Polonia has a very skillful outfit but I often wonder about the attitude of the players. Coach Mike Lynn has battled away this season, trying to blend the Polish and British techniques and mentalities and the result of Sunday's game will be seen as a partial gauge of his success. Or failure.

Green Gully Ajax gets its chance to try and match Croatia's scoring prowess when it meets Ringwood Wilhelmina at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday. Ajax goes into the game as a clear favorite and will win.

Croatia takes on Northcote at Olympic Park No.1 on Sunday and should triumph, despite Northcote's euphoria after trouncing Polonia. Northcote striker Spiro Tsetsos did well in the air

and take a throw-in, and the game proceeded despite Albion's protests.

Brief of the services of both Frank McLeod and Alan Bennett through suspension, Albion looked a pushover for the champions, but the Rovers produced a tremendous team effort that quite nullified all Gully's elaborate build-ups, and it was only in the closing quarter-hour, when Gully changed the pattern and started to pump long balls forward (the only tactic worthwhile on the Selwyn Park spud-patch), that Albion looked in danger.

Keiron Coyle showed once again what a versatile and gutsy player he is by slotting into McLeod's position as if he had played there all his life, and Tommy Costello in the Albion goal gave a tremendously plucky display to thwart Paul Lewis more than once. The tragedy was that the winner came when Lewis hit a pile-driver that cannoned off Costello's chest back to the striker, and Lewis doesn't miss those.

Albion was desperately unlucky not to get a point, and in the final stages, when Gully had thrown the game forward, Rovers even could have stolen a win. Ken Smart had a shot cleared off the line after an effort by Peter Dickson had been parried by Lou Denys, and Benny Ferris almost got one past Denys too.

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against Polonia but he'll find Sean Parton a handful here. With Tommy Cumming and Dave Brogan in scoring touch, Northcote coach Tom Vrzina may find his revamped defence hard pressed to stand firm. Injury to John Creany has forced Vrzina to switch Steve Moore to sweeper and push George Bozakis into the stopper's role.

Croydon should be too strong for Albion at Croydon Park on Sunday and will maintain its top four impetus while Doveton and Morwell could settle for a share of the spoils from their encounter at Waratah Reserve, also on Sunday.

The winner of the Falkner v Sunshine-George Cross match at Smith Reserve is a toss up. I'm not game to split these sides.

Last but not least comes the Hellas v Juventus clash at Middle Park on Saturday and after Hellas' stunning form re-

versal in the Latrobe Valley last weekend would be game enough to tip a certain Juve victory? One thing's definite, if Hellas gets even a point from this game, it will send shock waves through the Albion and Wilhelmina camps. Here are the weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

SM Hellas v Juventus (draw) at Middle Park, 3pm.

SUNDAY

G.G. AJAX v Ringwood Wilhelmina at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.

CROATIA v Northcote at Olympic Park No.1, 3pm.

Doveton v Morwell (draw) at Waratah Reserve, 3pm.

CROYDON v Albion Rovers at Croydon Park, 3pm.

Falkner v Sunshine-George Cross (draw) at Smith Reserve, 3pm.

POLONIA v Box Hill at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

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S.G. CROSS v CROYDON: 3 Marley (C), 2 Brown (C), 1 Sweeney (C).

NORTHCOTE v POLONIA: 3 Quigley (N), 2 Moore (N), 1 Bozakis (N).

BOX HILL v DOVETON: 3 Ramos (BH), 2.1 Roodhouse (BH), 1 Watson (D).

MORWELL v HELLAS: 3 Vardaxis (H), 2 Bekiaris (H), 1 Bozinovski (H).

CROATIA v WILHELMINA: 3 Cumming (C), 2 Brogan (C), 1 Gojevic (C).

ALBION v G.G. AJAX: 3 Peter Lewis (G.G.A.), 2 Coyle (A), 1 Costello (A).

JUVENTUS v FALKNER: 3 Fattore (F), 2 Hird (J), 1 Zinni (J).

PROGRESSIVE VOTES: 23 - Moore (Northcote), 18 - Cumming (Croatia), 17 - Hird (Juventus), 16 - Milla (Polonia), 15 - Tuffield (Falkner), 14 - Kalifatis (Hellas), 13 - MacLeod (Morwell).

LEADING SCORERS: 13 - Paul Lewis (Ajax), 13 - Cumming (Croatia), 11 - Przybyla (Polonia).

Last gasp cincher from Ramos

BOX HILL 2 (Hughes 25th, Ramos 90th) DOVETON 1 (Stirton 86th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 (Inj. Scholten 50th, G) - I. Roodhouse 8, Lawler 7, Gabrielsen 5, A. oodhouse 6, Bartlett 6 (Miller 11.7), McDonald 7, Taylor 70th - Priestley 7, Verechla 7. Coach: Bill Murray.

DOVETON: Keogh 6 - Watson 8, Gadsby 7, Corke 6, Thurlow 7 - Greg Macleod 7, Webster 7, Buchanan 6, Bartlett 6 (Miller 11.7), Stirton 6, M. Lannon 7. Coach: Hammy McMeachan.

Box Hill coach Bill Murray couldn't speak highly enough of his players after this win, achieved with a last minute goal from talented Pedro Ramos.

"To know what we went through and to watch the way the lads hit back was marvellous," said Murray.

"Pedro Ramos hadn't played for three weeks. Paul Priestley just had come back from injury. Donald Brownlie was out with ligament trouble. Matt McDonald hadn't trained



Bill Murray

last week and had to be put through a fitness test before the game. Richard Miranda rang me at 9am on Sunday to tell me that he'd been up all night with a stomach complaint and hadn't had any sleep.

"To top it off John McKinlay was knocked out just after half

time and had to be carried off.

"Honestly, to win this game showed tremendous character. Miranda showed a lot of guts just going out onto the field for us. And when we tired toward the end and Doveton equalised, the lads somehow picked themselves up and Pedro's winner was a gem. All round, it was a mighty effort to get the points."

Box Hill had the better of the early exchanges, creating a couple of half chances before taking the lead in the 25th minute. Ramos was on the line, wide on the right and passed to Andy Hughes who beat a defender as he came inside, played a one-two with Peter Verechla then struck his shot past Sean Keogh to make it 1-0. Goalkeeper McKinlay suffered concussion from a clash with Ian Stirton in the 50th minute and was replaced by former Sunshine star John Scholten.

Doveton's best period came in the final 20 minutes and it deservedly levelled with just four minutes to go. Doves' coach Hammy McMeachan had brought former Box Hill

youngster Greg Macleod into his starting line-up in place of midfielder John Dowie who was recovering from a bout of flu. McMeachan took off Colin Bartlett at half time and re-organised his side. Miller went to left back, Peter Thurlow switched over to right back and Watson pushed forward. In the last 10 minutes, McMeachan pushed sweeper Steve Gadsby up front. The goal that seemingly gave the Doves a point came from Stirton after the ball was only partly cleared and the former Glasgow Rangers striker turned and smashed it into goal.

Box Hill struck back in the final minute. A Ray Taylor corner was cleared to Ian Roodhouse, inside his defensive half. The Doves charged forward, trying to play offside but Roodhouse knocked the ball to Ramos who headed it past his marker and took off for goal. Keogh came off his knee and forced Ramos wide but the Box Hill midfielder still was able to strike the ball home from the angle for a great winning goal.

Cumming, Brogan hit goal trail

MELBOURNE CROATIA 5 (Cumming 7th, 45th, Brogan penalty 11th, 71st, 83rd) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Thom 20th) at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 6 - Hannah 7, Parton 7, Adams 7, Blawie 7 - Blasby 7, Antolovic 7, Faustler 7, Golevic 8 - Brogan 8. Cumming 8. Coach: John Gardiner.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Jensen 6 - Verniers 5 (Inj. Donrider 86th), Gibson 6, Brooks 6, G. Haupt 6 - Thom 7, Cork 7, Pena 6.

(DeKort H.T. 51, Burton 7 - Garvey 6, Stewart 5. Coach: Nick van Egmond).

Melbourne Croatia added to its staggering goal difference and rekindled its championship prospects with this 5-1 win over Ringwood Wilhelmina.

As the run in to the title gains momentum, goal difference increasingly looks likely to play a part in the championship race between Croatia and Green Gully Ajax.

Croatia hit the lead in the 7th minute against Wilhelmina thanks to a diving header from Tommy Cumming and went 2-0 up just four minutes later when Ron Verniers held Steve Golevic on the left side of the area, Dave Brogan converting from the penalty spot.

Wilhelmina's Brian Thom pulled a goal back when he caught Peter Blasby committing himself to the cross and shot into goal, but a minute into the second half a Dave Gibson blunder put the

game out of Wilhelmina's reach.

The little Wilhelmina sweeper let the ball run, thinking that goalkeeper Rick Jensen would easily gather but Cumming nipped in and slotted the ball away to make it 3-1.

Josip Biskup, on the right touchline, cut the ball back to give Brogan an easy tap-in in the 11th minute and the scoreline was completed, along with Brogan's hat-trick, when the Croatia striker hit a hard, low shot into the far corner of the Wilhelmina goal after fine lead-up work from Golevic.

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SCHIPANO STATE LEAGUE TABLE

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------------|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| CROATIA..... | 12 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 26 |
| G.G. AJAX..... | 11 | 4 | 1 | 32 | 7 | 26 |
| JUVENTUS..... | 11 | 3 | 2 | 32 | 10 | 25 |
| POLONIA..... | 8 | 4 | 4 | 28 | 19 | 20 |
| Box Hill..... | 8 | 3 | 5 | 25 | 21 | 19 |
| Croydon..... | 7 | 4 | 5 | 26 | 21 | 18 |
| Northcote..... | 8 | 2 | 6 | 23 | 30 | 18 |
| Morwell F..... | 7 | 2 | 7 | 21 | 28 | 16 |
| Sun.G. Cross..... | 6 | 2 | 8 | 25 | 28 | 14 |
| Falkner..... | 5 | 4 | 7 | 23 | 27 | 14 |
| Doveton..... | 4 | 2 | 10 | 18 | 31 | 10 |
| Wilhelmina..... | 3 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 35 | 7 |
| Albion R..... | 1 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 24 | 6 |
| S.M. Hellas..... | 1 | 3 | 12 | 17 | 45 | 5 |



Croatia striker Dave Brogan - back in business with a hat-trick against Ringwood Wilhelmina on Sunday.

Cirkovic springs a surprise and Fawcner almost wins it

BRUNSWICK JUVENUS
1 (Schiano, c.g. 32nd) FAW-
KNER 1 (Kondarios 50th), at
Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

JUVENUS: Clayton 6 - V.
Bannon 7, P. Bannon 6, Drinockay
8, Hird 8 - Rogers 5, Lloyd 6 (Nel-
son 57th), G. Bannon 6 - Zini 8,
French 7, Incantulo 7 (Cullen
57th). Coach: John Margaritis.

FAWKNER: Terzini 7 - Sabba-
dini 7 (Anselmo 53rd, Kondarios 6,
Fattoro 9, Fattoro 6 - B. Sabi-
dini 7, C. Sabidini 6, Cavallari 6
(Brothers 70th) - Palinkas 7, Tuf-

The second derby of the
season between Italian-
sponsored clubs Juventus
and Fawcner had a similar
result as the first when the
two teams shared the
points, but was completely
different in all other as-
pects.

To start with, the crowd was
rather disappointing, under 2,000,
confirming that Fawcner's sup-
porters are basically a home crowd
who do not follow the team when

playing away, secondly Fawcner
did not apply the "cateraccio" but
took the fight right up to Juventus.
Finally, this time Fawcner could
have won the game with a bit of
luck.

The game was patchy as both
teams were under par in midfield,
especially Juventus who sadly
misses Kevin Swincoe and further
suffered by an unusually poor dis-
play from Kevin Lloyd. Fawcner
finally fielded ex-Juventus player
Tiziano Cavallari, in this depart-
ment it was obvious that his in-
clusion had only a psychological
motivation because he was out of
form and contributed little to the
fortunes of his team until he was
finally replaced by Andy Bozakis.

Both forward lines were dan-
gerous if inconsistent, and the
defences worked overtime to con-
tain them. Fawcner managed to
create a brilliant display in the
first half, but a brilliant display
from Cesare Fattoro, the young
stopper who won most of the duels
in the middle of his defence and
closed down unmercifully any
winger Zini who was back to his
best.

Juventus coach Margaritis made
a controversial substitution early in
the second half when, apart from
sending in Nelson for out-of-form
Lloyd, he also replaced incantulo
with recent signing Rob Cullen
"Fabulous" Fab was not at his
brilliant best, but as usual, worried
the opposing keeper with a couple of
thunderbolts and has the potential
to pull the irons out of the fire at
any time. We learned later that In-
cantulo was ill and had vomited
profusely in the dressing rooms at
half time.

It is also very difficult for a coach
to keep on the bench a star player
especially when the team is not
doing so well on the field. With this
added pressure, we saw Zini and
French playing well, it was inevi-
table that Incantulo had to be
"sacrificed" to make room for
Cullen.

Fawcner's coach Cedo Cirkovic,
surprised everybody by adopting an
attacking tactic, well knowing that
he could not defend on the wide
Olympic Park ground as he did on
the small Jukes Rd ground in the
first derby. The move seemed to
upset the back and whites and put a
lot of pressure on their backline
where Hind and Drinockay saved
the day over and over again.

In the 22nd minute Juventus hit
the front through a Schiano mis-
kick that netted past Terzini in an
Incantulo long drive. It seemed the
beginning of the end for Fawcner,
but the boys in blue fought back gal-
lantly and even scored the goal in the
50th minute when Carlo Sabidini sent
a free kick into the Juventus goal
and Kondarios slotted in from the
resulting scramble.

With Nelson and Cullen coming in

soon after, Juventus seemed to be
taking over the game again, but
Nelson and Zini missed a couple of
good chances and G. Bannon,
charging unopposed towards Terzi-
ni, was stopped by referee Bam-

bridge who gave him a free blank-
et by ignoring the advantage rule. In
the closing minutes it was Fawcner
to prove dangerous again reeling
very close to meeting the winner
when Palinkas missed a sitter in the

77th and a dangerous scramble in
front of the Juventus goal in the 88th
minute only produced two con-
secutive corners.

— ROCKY DI ZIO

NORTHERNERS ON RAMPAGE

**NORTH COTE 4 (Sahinidis
20th, Tsotsos 29th, Culina
60th, Quigley 67th) POLONIA
1 (Przybyla 70th) at John
Cain Reserve, Sunday.**

NORTH COTE: Giannopoulos 7
- Cutler 8, Bozakis 8, Moore 9,
Mihos 7 - Wilson 8, Quigley 9,
Wright 8 - Sahinidis 8 (Constan-
tinou 60th), Tsotsos 8, Culina 8
(Patriotis 67th). Coach: Tony Vriz-
ni.

POLONIA: Lukac 4 - S. Klein 6
(Michanovich 68th), Liplarski 6, A.
Czapnik 8, Smolark 8 - Trant 5,
P. Czapnik 5, G. Petrov 7 - Letic 6,
Krynski 5, Przybyla 6. Coach:
Mike Lynn.

Sunday didn't start well
for Northcote coach Tony
Vrzina. On his way to his
team's important match at
home against fourth
placed Polonia, Vrzina was
booked for speeding.

However, his players gave
Vrzina's Sunday tale a happy
ending as they proceeded to
thump depleted Polonia 4-1, a

result which clearly is the
Northerners best this season.

Polonia played without sus-
pended Stefan Mila and Danny
McCluskey, tall forward Alex
Marshall, who scored two
goals in the reserves, and first
choice goalkeeper Leszek
Dzielkowski. All four could
be back in the starting line-up
for this weekend's vital Ra-
leigh Reserve game against
Box Hill.

Northcote dominated the
first half with a slick display of
attacking soccer, using the
long passing game to good ad-
vantage and troubling Polonia
in the air. Clearly, McClus-
key's absence was a worry in
this department for the Polish
sponsored outfit.

Northcote hit the front in the
20th minute when a long drive
from Steve Moore found Mike
Lukac's head on his line. The
ball struck a post and Jim
Sahinidis tucked away the re-
bound. Nine minutes later a
long ball from Colin Quigley
found Spiro Tsotsos challeng-

ing makeshift sweeper Rick
Liplarski and winning a cor-
ner. Sahinidis took the corner
and Tsotsos, given a free head-
er, put Northcote 2-0 up.

Sahinidis' cross from the
right in the 60th minute
bounced off Lukac's chest and
Branko Culina shot in on a
post to make it 3-0.

The Northerners went fur-
ther ahead just seven minutes
later when Lukac dived for-
ward and down but allowed a
Quigley shot to go into goal
under his body.

Polonia's goal came direct
from a Janusz Przybyla free
kick, smashed low into goal
from 20 metres.

Polonia was made to look
like a second rate State
League side by Northcote
here. Too many Polonia
players threw in the towel
early and coach Mike Lynn
will have a major task to lift
the confidence of his team
for Sunday's important home
game.

HELLAS TRIUMPHS AT THE 16TH ATTEMPT

**MORWELL FALCONS 0
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS
2 (Cummings 82nd, Bozinovski
penalty 89th) at North
Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.**

MORWELL FALCONS: Halkett 6
- Bingham 7, Irvine 7, Higham 7,
Tran 7 - Plummer 7 (in Evans 87th),
MacLean 7 (last off 48th), O.
Callaghan 7 - Mitten 8, T. van Baer
7, McGuinness 7 (in Derby 70th).
Coach: Tony Boggi.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS:
Turudic 7 - Bozinovski 8 - Anazakis
7, Kallitidis 7, Vardakis 8, Post-
ecoglou 7 - Belicic 8, Kenasoulis 8,
Abram 7 - Cummings 8, Kakan-
tonis 7. Coach: Jim Armstrong.

Morwell Falcons coach
Tony Boggi will front the
tribunal tonight (Wednes-
day) after being reported
by referee Jim Fokianos,
who sent off Falcons mid-
fielder Jim MacLean in the
48th minute for allegedly
using foul and abusive lan-
guage.

MacLean couldn't believe a
Fokianos decision which gave
Hellas a throw-in after Noel
Mitten had been tackled by a
Hellas defender who smacked
the ball out of play. Boggi re-
fused to comment after the
match, as he didn't want to
prejudice tonight's hearing but
it's a masterly under-
statement to say that the
Morwells coach was dis-

appointed with referee Fokia-
nos' display.

And Morwell officially will
protest to the VSF over Fokia-
nos' performance, however the
Latrobe Valley side won't be
protesting over the result,
Hellas's first win of the league
season at its 16th try.

Hellas coach Jim Arm-
strong invited fancied Falcons
to come at the visitors by
using four men as a defensive
screen in front of sweeper
Vlado Bozinovski. The talent-
ed Bozinovski is due to fly to
Yugoslavia on Friday for
family reasons and will be
unavailable for the remainder
of the season. He has been
given a clearance from Hellas
but the Greek-sponsored club
will retain his services upon
his return to Australia.

Morwell had a lot of posses-
sion here but found it hard to
break down the Hellas de-
fence. Former Hellas star
Alun Evans didn't train with
Morwell last week and started
the match on the bench, but
came on at half time in place
of injured Joe Plummer.

This stunning result looked
on the cards in the 82nd minute
when Hellas hit Morwell hard
on the break. Duncan
Cummings got the ball from
Pepe Abram and set off for
the Falcons goals. Falcons
captain John Higham did well
to hold up Cummings until the
Hellas striker came inside and



Hellas midfielder Vlado Bozinovski -
off to Yugoslavia.

Hat-trick heroes

**ATTENTION: CLUBS APPLYING FOR HAT-TRICK
CERTIFICATES MUST FORWARD A STAMPED,
SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AT LEAST 31cm x
21cm. WE REGRET THAT THE CERTIFICATES
OTHERWISE CANNOT BE SENT OUT.**

"Soccer Action" offers
a free hat-trick diploma to
any junior who scores
three games in a league,
Cup, representative or
school match.

However, certificates can
be sent out only if clubs for-
ward a stamped, self-ad-
dressed envelope at least 31cm
x 21cm.

Clubs are asked to put to-
gether a list of all their boys
who score hat-tricks, so the
certificates can be sent in the
one envelope to save time.

We need the following infor-
mation:
1. Name of the boy, and his
age.
2. The team for which he
plays.

3. The team against which
he scored the goals.
4. The date of the game.

"Hat-trick heroes" will
have their names published in
"Soccer Action" every week.
Applications should be sent
to:

This week's hat-trick her-
oes:

Peter Tzamouranis, 12, 13 goals
(Bayview Primary); Ayak Be-
dikis, 12 (Balaviva); Paul Scul-
lion, 15, five goals (St John's
College); John Evagora (Keon
Park); Daniel Munivana (Pascoe
Vale); Enes Buto, 14 (Moreland);
David Jones, 11, four goals (Der-
rinya Primary); Bradley Houston,
7, eight goals; Bradley Evans, 6,
Kym Biggins, 7 (Paradise Gar-
dens); Oliver Pandellak, Anton
Bernie, four goals (St Albans Din-
amo); Stuart Johnstone, 13, five
goals (Wesley College).

**Metro Second Division club St Albans
Dinamo kept its title tilt on course by record-
ing a stunning 4-1 defeat of promotion rival
Keilor Austria on Saturday, despite playing
with just 10 men for 70 minutes of the game.**

St Albans: B. P. Cirka 7, Garthwaite 7,
Curcija 8 (Vanderloft 80th).

Keilor: Paton, Frampton,
Curcija, Baker, Malcolm, Rees, Mal-
lachen, Brindley, Deane, Leo,
McKenna.

The Redbacks suffered no
hangover from their previous
week's drubbing and bounced
back with a one goal win
against Coburg.

The clown prince of goalies
got tangled with a small dog
and suffered the ignominy of
being chased by the dog's
female owner, brandishing a
broily. Play was held up while
the referee remonstrated with
the lady and after the match
Morrington players gathered
in the centre circle and escorted
a crest-fallen O'Hara off the
pitch.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

**FRANKSTON PINES 2
(Cooke 31st, McGinnigle
82nd) ALTONA CITY 3
(Little penalty 29th, 84th,
Beattie 88th) at Montory
Boulevard, Saturday.**

During a goalmouth melee
in the 29th minute, involving
both Livingstone and Murray,
the referee awarded a penalty
to Altona City, which was con-
verted by Nat Little.

Two minutes later Paul
Cooke equalised with one of
the best goals seen at Mon-
terey Boulevard this season.
The former Slavia and Frank-
ston City midfielder hit a
screamer from 30 metres,
giving the Altona goalie no
chance.

Just when the match
seemed destined to end in a
draw, it exploded into action
in the final eight minutes. Pines
hit the front in the 82nd minute
when McGinnigle beat City's
outside trap and knocked the
ball past the advancing Altona
keeper.

Two minutes later it was
2-2. Chris Kovac failed to hold
a cross from the wing and
Little scored his second.
Altona City won this exciting
encounter with an 88th minute
goal from Beattie, after in-
decision from Kovac.

DIVISION THREE COBURG 0 ELTHAM 1 (Shaw 7th)

ELTHAM: Graham 8, Alderson 7,
Cubley 8, Hargreaves 5, Shaw 9,
Hamm 8 (Nelson 60th), Lewis 6.

COBURG: Paton, Frampton,
Curcija, Baker, Malcolm, Rees, Mal-
lachen, Brindley, Deane, Leo,
McKenna.

The Redbacks suffered no
hangover from their previous
week's drubbing and bounced
back with a one goal win
against Coburg.

The only goal of the game
came in the 7th minute when
Rajko Curcija picked up a ball
on the right and chipped it into
the middle. As the home de-
fenders left the ball to one an-
other, Eltham full-back Glenn
Shaw nipped in from the left to
side foot the ball home.

In one of the few Coburg
attacks shortly after Hughie
Graham pulled off a great
save from point blank range.

DIVISION FOUR ROSEBUD 1 (Crompton 55th, MOORABBIN CITY 1 (Tierney 57th)

ROSEBUD: Schultz 8, Gohby 7,
Goodman 7, Rees 8, Parrot 9,
Shanks 9, Perks 8, Nagy 5, 8,
Crompton 9, Kerr 3, Symons 1.

MOORABBIN: Browne 7, West
8, Rosa 8, Yazgi 8, Morgan 7,
Tierney 8, Patten 8, Martin 5, Gre-
gory 7, Senese 5, Riss 7.

From the outset, Rosebud
showed determination against
the league leader, and Shanks
in particular, was in-
strumental in the many pro-
gressing runs upfield, from the
home team.

Moorabbin, desperate for
the points to maintain top posi-
tion, could not gain the break
required.

The second-half was only 10
minutes old, when Rosa
passed back to Moorabbin's
Browne. The ball seemed to

SELECTIONS

**METROPOLITAN
DIVISION ONE**
Saturday: RICHMOND v Warrburton; Moorabbin
v FRANKSTON PINES; ALTONA CITY v Warrburton;
Keilor v Moorabbin; Coburg v Bal Park; Western
Suburbs v COBURG; ROSEBUD v Bal Park; Warrburton
City v Altona City.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: Spargheville City v With Donnington
(Lyns); PRESTON v Warrburton City; Prahran v
ST ALBANS; DANDENONG CITY v Warrburton City;
Selwyn v Moorabbin; Moorabbin v COBURG; Warrburton
City v Moorabbin; Moorabbin v COBURG; Warrburton
City v Moorabbin.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Port Melbourne v SANDHURST; MORRINGTON
v Royal Richmond; PRANMAN
City v St Albans; Moorabbin v MORRINGTON; Sand-
hurst v Moorabbin; COBURG CITY v YAL-
LOUN v Coburg; Eltham v ST ALBANS.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: MOORABBIN CITY v Farnborough Gully;
COBURG v Moorabbin; MORRINGTON v Moorabbin;
Rosa, Grandson; ROSEBUD v KEILOR;
KARLIS v Moorabbin; Moorabbin v KEILOR;
KARLIS v Moorabbin.

DIVISION ONE
Saturday: Moorabbin City v SHEPPARTON CITY;
EAST BUNBURY v Moorabbin; LAURIE v
Moorabbin; Moorabbin v YARRAVILLE; Moorabbin v
Rusland (Lyns); Clifton Hill v BULLHEAD; Clayton v
Carlton.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: Moorabbin City v MALVERN
City; WEST BUNBURY v Moorabbin; Moorabbin v
ST DANDENONG; BUNBURY CITY v St. Yara.

held up on the heavy surface,
and Crompton ran in and
scored to give Rosebud the
lead.

Jubilation amongst the
home team was short lived.
Moorabbin, showing the spirit
that has been its trademark
this year, pushed forward, and
in the 57th minute equalised
through captain Paul Tierney
from close range.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

**BULLEEN-VENETO 4 (Mi-
chelloudakis 51st, 81st,
Boarotto 60th, penalty
70th) CLAYTON 0**

BULLEEN-VENETO: L. Poropat
8, E. Bohn 8, M. Bohn 8, S. Zecchin
8, P. Casati 7, D. Sutherland 7, C.
Graham 8, T. Curdell 8, T. Turpin 8,
45th, M. Gannal 6, L. Dimitriou
80th, L. Boarotto 7, J. Michelou-
dakos 6.

**Cranbourne v CENTRAL CITY, Ruvale v HOL-
LAND PARK; Nunawading v AGDISTON
DIVISION THREE**

Sunday: PASCOE VALE v West Melbourne;
DALAS CITY v Moorabbin; Altona City v SPRING-
VALE; UTD; Sandhurst v HAMPTON WANDERERS;
CHILTERNAN v West Melbourne; Moorabbin City v
BUNBURY CITY; CLAYTON v YONG v Utd of
Melbourne.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: NTH SANDHURST v Moorabbin; MO-
SPEL SANDHURST v Port Melbourne; WOOD-
FORD; East Carlton v LYNDALU; UTD; MORRUBIN-
REINA v Moorabbin; Moorabbin City v DIAMOND
VALE; SEEDING UTD v Dingley.

AMATEUR LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE
Saturday: EPPING THISTLE v Moorabbin; Utd;
EPPING THISTLE v Moorabbin; Utd; POSTEL IN-
STITUTE v Moorabbin; Moorabbin City v BULL-
BAYLYN City v Nth Melbourne; MACCABI v
Selwyn; BUNBURY v Azzurri Utd.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: PLYMOUTH v UNIT; SOUTHERN
COOR v St Albans; Moorabbin City v WARRBURTON
UTD; Moorabbin City v Moorabbin; Moorabbin City v
ST VALLEY v Moorabbin; Moorabbin City v Moorabbin;
ST VALLEY v Moorabbin; Moorabbin City v Moorabbin.

DIVISION A
Saturday: Moorabbin City v FAWCNER; Moorabbin
City v Moorabbin; Moorabbin City v Moorabbin;
JUVENUS v Moorabbin; Moorabbin City v Moorabbin.

DIVISION B
Saturday: SPRINGVALE UTD v St Dandening.

After a scoreless first half
Bulleen-Veneto grabbed an
early second goal when
Micheloudakos slotted home
a Boarotto throw-in.

Nine minutes later Tar-
quinio put Boarotto through
and he made no mistake from
inside the penalty area.

At the 70th it was Boarotto
again when he converted a
penalty after being brought
down by the keeper.

Micheloudakos completed
the second half route when he
delightfully put away a Tar-
quinio pass.

DIVISION TWO SOUTH DANDENONG 0 CRANBOURNE 2 (Gourley 13th, Parry 76th)

SOUTH DANDENONG: C. Bravo,
C. Valenzuela (M. Romero 45th), E.
Romero, J. Valdes, F. Jimenez, J.

Zapata, J. Presta, O. Romero, G.
Warranowski (I. Boas 67th), J. Re-
donde, E. Anselmi.

CRANBOURNE: P. Mur, H. Cam-
eron, R. Crivati, C. Sharples, J. Mac-
Arthur, N. Campbell, S. Storey, D.
Kret (S. Duckworth 74th), W.
Gourley, M. Parry, R. Wether-
poon.

South's injury-prone squad
was further weakened by the
absence of suspended mid-
fielder, Roberto Contreras.
Lacking support, only Greg
Larszawski, looked capable of
causing Cranbourne any prob-
lems in the first half. Miguel
Romero, tried hard to create
openings in the second half
but, generally, MacArthur and
company were in command in
defence.

Both goals resulted from de-
fensive errors. The South
defence seemed rooted to the
ground and allowed Gourley to
tap in an easy goal after 13
minutes play. A 76th minute
free kick by Duckworth from
the left corner flag was headed
home by Parry as both defence
and goalkeeper waited for the
other to clear. South did create
a few chances during the game
but 'keeper, Mur, was never
extended and had an easy
afternoon.

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its good form by disposing of
Nunawading convincingly.

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brilliant young centre-forward
Gerald Iham after the young-
ster suffered ligament prob-
lems which kept him out for
eight weeks.

Holland Park produced one
goal after another with im-
peccable teamwork and skill and
this delighted the 1000 plus
spectators present to witness
the match. Goalscorers were
Celal Iham (4), David Janko-
vic (3) and Savas Saglam,
Robert Mirak and Fatih Binyar.

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Weisweiler remembered for success at 'Gladbach

By Paul Moon

Although he served New York Cosmos, Barcelona and Cologne, Hennes Weisweiler will be remembered primarily as the man who built Borussia Moenchengladbach from a 'village team' into the most powerful club in West Germany.

Weisweiler died of a heart attack, aged 63.

An only-slightly-above-average centre half, he appeared for Koeln and Bayern Munich when both were in undistinguished periods of their histories.

If Weisweiler made few waves as a player, his coaching prowess earned him a place in the annals of European football. Without any money to buy big names, he structured a brilliant unit from local products and top-class, inexpensive signings from Denmark.

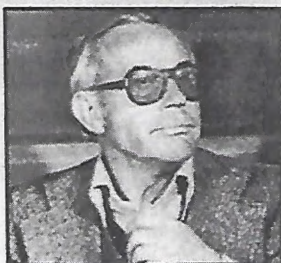
Jupp Heynckes, Bertie Vogts, Allan Simonsen, Henning Jensen, Guenter Netzer and Rainer Boohf all owed their star status to Weisweiler's eye for talent and his ability to nurture it.

Playing exciting, attractive soccer, Borussia won the West German championship three times between 1970 and 1975, gained at West German Cup success in 1973 and two years later captured the UEFA Cup. The latter triumph was achieved with a 5-1 eclipse of Twente Enchede in Holland, after being held to a scoreless draw.

Borussia often achieved its best results on opposition territory, where its adventurous style was not countered by our defensive tactics.

Unfortunately, Weisweiler failed to claim the one trophy he wanted above all — the European Champions' Cup.

On its debut in the competition in 1970, Borussia was eliminated by Everton in a penalty kicks decider and, during the following year, a 7-1 annihilation of Internazionale Milan was declared void as the result of Inter forward Roberto Boninsegna receiving a head injury from a flung beer can. The Italians drew the replay on neutral ground and advanced to the next round.



Hennes Weisweiler

To this day, Germans contend that the culprit was an incensed Milanese. A \$300,000-a-year contract lured Weisweiler to Barcelona, where his task was to win the Champions' Cup which had proved elusive to both him and the club.

Unfortunately, a personality conflict between the West German and Dutch superstar Johan Cruyff sabotaged Barca's aspirations. Cruyff eventually issued an ultimatum: "Either Weisweiler goes, or I do." It was the "boss" who went — after less than a year.

Back in his home country, this time with Koeln, the master coach once again proved his worth as the Rhinelanders landed the 1977 West German Cup and the league-cup "double" during the following season.

But, yet again, the Champions' Cup was a source of frustration. Cologne appeared set for the final, to be held on German soil, when drawing 3-3 at Nottingham Forest in the semi final first leg. Badly hit by player injuries, Weisweiler made selection gambles for the second leg — and lost. An Ian Bowyer goal put Forest into the final against Malmoe, which it won.

This uncharacteristic error may have resulted in the Koeln board stalling over an extension of his contract 12 months later.

Angered, he moved across the Atlantic to coach Cosmos for a reputed salary of \$300,000 a year — the highest in world football at the time.

On paper, Weisweiler was successful in America — winning the 1980 Soccerbowl — but a series of disputes with the front office and the influential Giorgio Chinaglia led to a return to Europe after just two years.

The coach who had gained the nickname "Professor" was in much demand. Not only had he a highly impressive track record, but he also held a diploma as sports teacher and lecturer at the prestigious Sports High School in Koeln.

Although Eintracht Frankfurt and Real Madrid were both reported to be interested in appointing him, he instead joined FC Zurich.

In Switzerland, Weisweiler guided his new club to success in both league and cup. It was an appropriate swansong.

The British transfer boom is over, as the gloomy forecasts of financial disaster for the clubs begin to come true. And the majority of players look like playing for much lower wages in the 1983-84 season.

In contrast to the astronomical transfer fees of only a couple of seasons ago, the highest close-season transfer was the \$1.3 million paid by Arsenal for Charlie Nicholas, whilst the free-transfer list, to be released officially by the F.A. on July 31, reveals that no fewer than 375 professionals are free, an average of over four players per league club.

Only Notts County and Aston Villa didn't release players, whilst at the other end of the scale, Preston North End and Chesterfield released 18 and 11 respectively.

Possibly the biggest shock is the quality of some of the discharges.

Three full internationals, Martin Buchan, John Devine and George Wood head the list, and other famous players include "Supersub" David Fairclough, Trevor Ross, Alan Ainscow, Billy Wright, Mike Channon, John Lacey, Dennis Tueart, Ross Jenkins, Bob Hutton, Jimmy Neighbour and Ricardo Villa.

Kevin Reeves cost \$2 million when John Bond took him to City from Norwich. Now Bond, as manager of Burnley, has picked him up for a tenth of that sum.

George Wood has gone to Crystal Palace, John Wile has become player-manager at Peterborough, Billy Wright has gone to Birmingham and John Devine has signed for Norwich.

It looks too, as though the era of overseas players being lured to Britain also has ended, with the drying-up of cash.

Villa, a Cup-Final hero just 15 months ago has gone to Fort Lauderdale, Frans Thijssen has left Ipswich Town for Vancouver, and Vladimir Petrovic is leaving Arsenal for Belgrade.

Remember Claude Marangoni, who played for Sunderland, and Alex Sabella of Leeds United and Sheffield United fame? Despite their

375 freed in the UK

LES SHORROCK

comparative lack of success in England they are named in the Argentinian national squad.

Other notable imports unlikely to be seen in England again are Adam Musial of Hereford, Yakka Banovic of Derby County, Ivan Golac of Southampton, Francois Van der Elst of West Ham, and Swansea's Ante Rajkovic and Dzemal Hadziabdic.

First Division freed players

ARSENAL: John Devine, Mark Gerbaldi, John Hawley, John Hollins, Paul Vaessen, George Wood.

BIRMINGHAM: Frank Carrodus, Duncan McDowell, Derek McKay, Jeff Wealdens, Nigel Winterburn.

COVENTRY: Steve Mar-denborough.

EVERTON: Alan Ainscow, Mark Leonard, John McMahon, Trevor Ross, Keith Tierney, Mike Walsh, Billy Wright.

IPSWICH: Ian Hurrell, Jimmy King, Ian Templeton.

LEICESTER: Dave Buchanan.

LIVERPOOL: David Fairclough, Tony Kelly, Ronnie Kilshaw, Peter King.

MANCHESTER UNITED: Martin Buchan, Tony Whelan, David Wynn.

NORWICH: Phil Alexander, Mike Channon, David Lovett, Peter Mountford, Richard Symonds.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Einar Aas, Patrick Lundy, Nigel Thrower.

Q.P.R.: Ian Muir, Dean Wilkins.

SOUTHAMPTON: Jeremy Stagg, Peter Wells.

STOKE CITY: Cliff Wallace.

SUNDERLAND: Mike Buckley, Patrick O'Donnell, Barry Wardrobe, Mike Whitfield.

TOTTENHAM: Pat Corbett, John Lacey, Giorgio Mazzon, Ricardo Villa.

WEST BROM: Andrew Lacey, Martin Pike, John Wile.

WEST HAM: Chris Amptof, Glenn Burvill, George Cowie, Jimmy Neighbour, Alf Wright.

WOLVES: Tony Kernan, Stephen Pugh.

Second Division freed players

BARNLEY: Stewart Baracclough, John Bukovina, Ernie Heseltine, Dave Longden, Gary Pierce, Don Souter, Ronnie Wakefield, Philip Watkin.

BLACKBURN: Gary Butcher, Paul Comstive, Donal Murphy, Mike Salmon.

BRIGHTON: Danny Deans.

CAMBRIDGE: Richard Key, Joe Mayo, Tommy O'Neill, Floyd Streete, Graham Watson.

CARDIFF: Paul Maddy, Paul Giles, Keith Pontin, Bob Hutton, Ron Healey.

CARLISLE: Jonathon Rush.

CHARLTON: Leroy Ambrose, Steve Browne, Terry Naylor, Mark Simpson, Phil Walker.

CHELSEA: Gary Chivers, Phil Driver, Bob Iles, Alan Mayes, Paul Williams.

CRYSTAL PALACE: Paul Baxter, Ian Edwards, Paul Hinshelwood, Steve Howe, Chris Jones, Keith Oakley.

DERBY: Paul Emson, Frank Gamble, Graham Harbey.

FULHAM: Clive Day, Mike Squire, Renando Varadi.

GRIMSBY: Phil Crosby, Kevin Kilmore.

HUDDERSFIELD: Martin Coupe, Tim Hotte, Peter Valentini.

LEEDS: Wayne Roebuck.

MANCHESTER CITY: Age Hareide, Michael Queenan, John Ryan, Dennis Tueart, Robin Webb.

MIDDLESBOROUGH: Mike Angus, Joe Bolton, Wayne Earsshaw, Francis Harrison, Phil Lloyd, David McClurg, Alan Roberts, David Shearer, Tony Young.

NEWCASTLE: David Barton, Derek Bell, John Craggs, Nick Devereux, Paul Malcolm, Mick Martin, Justin Robson, David Thompson, David Willis, Chris Withe.

OLDHAM: Ged Keegan, Steve Millington, John Murphy.

REDFERD: Richard Beaumont, Robert Kenney, Gordon Owen, Chris Riley.

SHREWSBURY: Carleton Leonard, Martin Sankey.

SWANSEA: Wyndham Evans.

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| Paul Bracewell | Sunderland | \$400,000 |
| Mark Hateley | Portsmouth | \$350,000 |
| Ally McColist | Rangers | \$300,000 |
| Kevin Reeves | Burnley | \$200,000 |
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| Ian Banks | Leicester | \$150,000 |
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THE FAWKNER FEELING IN JUVENTUS

Gli incontri diretti fra la Juventus ed il Fawknar, per una supremazia morale fra le due accademie esponenti del campanilismo sportivo italiano di Melbourne, non hanno risolto al-
cunche.

Anche la sfida di domenica si è risolta con un salomonico pareggio che ha in inoltre anche pareggiato la leggera supremazia che la Juventus aveva dimostrato nel primo incontro. Questa volta è stato il Fawknar ad uscire dal campo a testa alta e con il rammarico di essere undato inutilmente molto vicino ad una vittoria di misura.

Come dicevamo la settimana scorsa, in sede di pronostico sul derby, la varietà di classe e ineguaglianza a favore della Juventus ma il Fawknar faceva di quest'incontro il singolo atto per la prova del suo orgoglio dopo un'annata alquanto deludente, se si tiene conto delle ambizioni del club, ma pur sempre più che decorosa per una matricola della massima divisione statale. Alla vigilia la Juventus appariva come una seria candidate allo scudetto, appiata com'era in cima alla classifica con Croatia e Green

Gully, mentre il Fawknar, al sicuro dalla retrocessione e lontano ormai da un quarto posto, non sembrava avesse altro da dire in questo campionato. ... ad eccezione di rompere le uova nel paniere della Juventus che adesso si trova ad una lunghezza dalle dirette avversarie per la vittoria finale. Con gli incontri diretti con queste ancora in programma, un punto non è la fine del mondo (e non vogliamo riparlare di treni), ma il modo come la Juventus si è fatta imbrigliare da una avversaria volitiva ma pur sempre non eccelsa è quello che maggiormente preoccupa. La difesa bianconera ha nuovamente retto bene grazie soprattutto a Hird e Drinocky e con il solido apporto di Vince Bannon, ma Pat Bannon comincia a dare segni di stanchezza e di perdita di concentrazione nella posizione di battitore libero, quasi contagiando Clayton che non è

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più sicuro di poter contare su di lui come fino ad alcune settimane fa.

Ma il centrocampista della Juventus è quello che ha deluso di più di ogni altro reparto domenica scorsa. Con Swinscoe convalescente dall'operazione al ginocchio e Lloyd vittima di una giornata negativa che può succedere a tutti, Rogers a Ged Bannon non ce l'hanno fatta a controllare le azioni avversarie sul nascere e a spingere in avanti in funzione d'appoggio per l'attacco o d'infiltrazione come mezza punta. Anzi Ged c'era quasi riuscito una volta e si stava presentando di solo davanti a Terzini per sferrare quel suo calcio che ha risolto tante volte la situazione per la Juventus, ma questa volta l'arbitro Bambridge lo ha fermato per una sciocca punizione a favore che ha ridicolizzato la partita.

La tattica della Juventus non ha tanto convinto nell'insieme anche se tutti e tre gli attaccanti schierati all'inizio della partita hanno fatto il proprio dovere, incluso French che ha lavorato come un negro. Il guaio è che manca una certa intesa e che, specialmente Zinni, ognuno cerca spesso la soluzione personale invece dell'azione corale. Questa tendenza sembra far fermare due degli attaccanti quando l'altro è in possesso della palla, quasi sappiano che il passaggio non arriverà. Poi succede magari che Zinni, invece di andare in porta da solo come spesso cerca di fare, metta la palla al centro dove non c'è nessuno lanciato a sfurlarla.

L'avvento di Cullen, come spesso avevamo fatto rilevare, può essere un motivo negativo per la prima linea juventina, anche se il nuovo arrivato ha classe e doti eccellenti. Egli però mette l'allenatore in una posizione di grande imbarazzo poiché è difficile tenere in panchina un "capitale" di \$10.000. Immagino per un attimo che la partita fosse finita ugualmente in parità, o fosse stata persa dalla Juventus come era possibissimo: chi avrebbe perdonato a Margaritis di non aver usato un cono come Cullen acquistato a forze di biglietti da mille che comportano un sacrificio non indifferente? Così come è andata, Margaritis è stato molto criticato alla fine della partita per aver sostituito in campo Clayton.

La partita è stata molto critica da un lato perché Cullen, alla fine dei conti gli allenatori sono lì anche per essere criticati ed ogni critica ha un certo elemento di giustificazione e in un certo senso, ci uniamo a questa critica sull'operato di Margaritis, anche se con l'attenuante di cui sopra, ma non siamo affatto d'accordo con l'impostazione generale che si dà a questa critica da un altro gruppo di tifosi che sembra soffrire di un complesso di inferiorità razziale e che tutte le volte che un ragazzo italiano viene sostituito tira in ballo l'eterna sciocca storia che "gli scozzesi sono intoccabili". Non parlerebbero certamente così se considerassero solo brevemente che un allenatore ha motivi molto più validi ed importanti di loro per voler vincere le partite e che se decide per un giocatore o l'altro non tiene certamente in considerazione l'origine etnica di questi. Ed a Margaritis non si

può certo fare un'accusa del genere se si avesse la memoria di un po' più lunga e si tornasse indietro alle settimane di panchina che aveva fatto fare a Ged Bannon e alla prefazione che aveva dato ma cantando all'inizio di stagione quando la forma del ragazzo italiano non era tale da garantirgli un posto in squadra, ma l'allenatore gli diede fiducia anche per non mettere in pericolo il suo posto nella nazionale giovanile australiana. E poi, una cosa che i tifosi non sapevano domenica, Fabbro non era in buone condizioni fisiche, anzi durante la sosta aveva vomitato copiosamente negli spogliatoi ed aveva detto a Margaritis che se non ce la faceva nel secondo tempo lo avrebbe avvisato. Ovvio che un ragazzo nella foga di una partita di campionato, non se ne accorge facilmente che non ce la fa e l'allenatore è in una posizione migliore per giudicare, specialmente quando in panchina ha un Cullen che deve scendere in campo a tutti i costi.

IL "FATTORE" DOMINANTE

Se il Fawknar potesse giocare tutto il campionato come gioca contro la Juventus, la squadra di Jules Road sarebbe in lotta per lo scudetto la domenica prima, tanto per non andare più indietro alle partite contro Croatia a Green Gully. Il Fawknar visto contro il Morwell è apparso squadra molto limitata sia nelle individualità che come insieme. Ma la Juventus ha il dono, negativo per il suo bene, di cambiare i giocatori azzurri in altrettanti leoni. A parte il campanilismo e la ruggine che esiste fra i due club, il Fawknar ha sempre il vantaggio psicologico di non avere nulla da perdere e tutto da guadagnare e, cosa più importante, di avere nelle sue file tanti ex giocatori bianconeri che non cercano di meglio che vendicarsi del club che non li ha saputo apprezzare. Roberto Terzini, Sergio Sabbadini, Carlo e Bruno Sabidussi erano gli ex che ci si aspettava di vedere domenica scorsa; ma per buona misura Cirkovic buttava nella mischia anche Cavallari, che nelle settimane precedenti non era stato nemmeno in panchina, sperando ovviamente che Tiziano "l'avrebbe fatto pagar alla Juventus". Il ragazzo purtoppo ha accusato un'ovvia mancanza di forma ed ha fatto molto poco, anche se ha messo in mostra un paio di volte quei suoi ottimi tocchi che comunque erano cosa già risaputa da sempre. Speriamo ora che Cirkovic insista con Cavallari per dargli finalmente la possibilità di provare una volta per sempre la sua classe indiscussa. Se questo non bastava c'era pur sempre in panchina un altro giovane ex, Giovanni Sannipoli.

In complesso il Fawknar non ha sovervinto le considerazioni tecniche a suo riguardo, la squadra è quella che è e non sarà la prova di domenica a farle incutere terrore nelle massime esponenti del campionato, ma ha supplito alla classe con il cuore ed ha avuto la fortuna di un Fattore in grande vena. Il ragazzo, alla sua prima esperienza in lega statale, si è sempre distinto per la sua sicurezza di inter-

vento e per la visione di gioco che possiede, ma contro la Juventus domenica è stato assolutamente il miglior uomo in campo dando una dimostrazione di eccezionale duplicità di ruolo: oltre a fare lo "stopper" su French, anch'egli in buona giornata, Cesare ha spesso ricoperto il ruolo di secondo libero spostandosi specialmente sulla sinistra per bloccare a Zinni in gran vena, oppure aspettandolo al varco in ultima battuta mentre il terzino Kondorakis si metteva al riparo da possibili traversoni del veloce attaccante marcando gli altri uomini di punta sulla destra. Sabbadini è stato anch'egli molto sicuro e produttivo fino a che non ha dovuto abbandonare il campo zoppicante, mentre Schipano ha accusato delle incertezze, oltre ad aver segnato l'autore, ma ha svolto un lavoro costoso e ponderoso.

Nemmeno il centrocampista del Fawknar è stato ungranché, principalmente per la poca forma di Cavallari (e Boussau non ha fatto molto di più quando è sceso in campo). Ma Palinkas è spesso tornato indietro a prendersi la palla o a contrastare gli avversari, Carlo Sabidussi ha fatto una discreta distribuzione e Bruno Sabidussi ha corso abbastanza per appoggiare gli avanti e per coprire in retrovia. L'attacco, a parte Palinkas, ha deluso alquanto data l'inabitualità di Cozzella di far gioco d'assie- me, cosa contrastata da Tuffield al punto che le punte del Fawknar sono troppo isolate e vivono di occasioni che capitano invece di costruire il goal: un po' lo stesso problema della prima linea della Juventus, dove però l'individualità sono notevolmente migliori.

Lasciando il campo di gioco, dobbiamo segnalare la presenza alla partita del console generale d'Italia, dott. Antonino Provenzano, con la gentile consorte, signora Michel- le, anche se il diplomatico italiano fosse ufficialmente in vacanza. Assieme al console, ospite d'onore del club era anche il sindaco di Brunswick, cr Warren Maloney. I due insigni ospiti sono stati presentati ai giocatori delle due squadre schierate di fronte alla tribuna prima della partita, cosa che ha dato una certa ufficialità alla piccola cerimonia d'inizio, ma non vediamo perché il "gruppo ufficiale" sia stato allargato così liberamente tanto che i giocatori hanno dovuto stringere almeno una dozzina di mani: passi per i giocatori, ma

un pochettino di considerazioni per i poveri portieri che hanno dovuto giocare con le mani legate.

Ottima anche la scena d'apertura messa in atto dal club Juventus, con l'erezione della gigantesca insegna attraverso la quale son passati i giocatori bianconeri, e del lancio di palloncini nei colori del club, peccato che tutto si è limitato lì e che il resto del pomeriggio sia stato "normale amministrazione" visto e considerato che la partita fra due squadre di giovanissimi ma giocatori juniors non è nulla di nuovo.

A titolo di cronaca diciamo che le riserve della Juventus hanno contraccambiato il dispiacere che la prima squadra del Fawknar data alla prima squadra bianconera, battendo per 2-1 le riserve azzurre rovinando loro le possibilità di vincere il campionato cadeto. Sembra proprio che il compito principale delle due squadre italiane sia quello di reciproche "gustafeste".

IL MORWELL INCIAMPA

Sabato scorso il Morwell, che aveva dato segni di ripresa nelle ultime settimane, è scivolato sulla classica buccia di banana rappresentata dal finalino di coda dell'Hellas. Il club greco è ovviamente preso dalla disperazione con le recenti disavventure amministrative dopo le continue brutte figure delle sue due squadre di lega nazionale e di lega statale. Contro il Morwell si è vista tutta la forza, anche brutta, di questa disperazione poiché i ragazzi di Armstrong hanno fatto vedere i classici sorci verdi alla attesa per la vittoria del Morwell, mettendo in mostra un gioco veloce e senza tanti complimenti.

A farne le spese più di tutti è stato McLean che, innervosito dal trattamento ricevuto fino ad allora, ha perso le staffe e si è fatto esplere poco dopo l'inizio della ripresa. Altri giocatori del Morwell hanno ricevuto ammonizioni per proteste contro l'operato dell'arbitro e persino l'allenatore Boggi s'è beccato simile sorte.

Il Morwell ha premuto per la maggior parte dell'incontro, collezionando sette calci d'angolo contro nessuno degli avversari, che invece pervenivano alla segnatura verso la fine della partita, prima su contropiede di Cumming e quindi su rigore concesso per atterramento di un avversario da parte del portiere Halkett che sostituiva l'infortunato Whiteside.

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JUST je osvojio prvi bod protiv lokalnih rivala u ovogodišnjem prvenstvu, dok je Makedonija sretno izbegla prvi poraz na svom terenu.

"Plavi" su opet morali da menjaju sastav zbog operacije Sulejmana Curcova, koje je povredjen nos u Kanberi pre dve nedelje. Ovaj talentovani igrač očigledno je nedostajao "plavima" na sredini terena.

JUST je iznenadno Helasa na Middle Parku, narocito u prvom poluvremenu, kada nisu iskoriscene dve tri idealne šanse, a protivniku poklonjen gol na tanjiru. Jos uvek se ispoljavaju neke stare slabosti, iako je JUST danas mnogo solidnija ekipa, koja se lagano, ali sigurno odmice sa dna tabele. Nedostatak je sto nema vise agresivnosti pri izvođenju kornera i slobodnih udaraca i sto niko, osim Jamesa Patona, nema prisbnosti pred golom. Otkrovenje ove utakmice je Brian O'Donnell kome treba naci pravo mesto.

Sledeću utakmicu JUST igra protiv Brisbane Lionsa na svome igralistu u nedelju 24. jula. Ovo je idealna prilika da se PLAVI odlepe sa dna tabele i osvete za najteži poraz u ovoj sezoni.

Frank Arkar je uspeo da umrtvi dirigenta "crvenocrnog" orkestra Zarka Otkazaka i izdane jedan bod u nedelji, ali nije doneo nikakvu promenu na vrhu tabele, gde je ostala ista meta sa istim ostojanjem. Makedonija i dalje ubedljivo vodi sa pet bodova prednosti, ovog puta ispred Sydney Citya. U subotu 23. jula Makedonija gostuje u Newcastleu. Ova utakmica bice vazna prekretnica, iako je Newcastle poceo naglo da popusta, ali jos uvek ima prednost na svome jako isem igralistu.

NEIZVESNOST NA VRHU I DNU TABELE

Dok je Juventus izgubio vazan korak u teci za prvo mesto, dotle su Croatia i Ajaks ostali slepljeni kao si-jamski blizanci na vrhu tabele. Verovatno promenu neće doneti ni iduce kolo, iako Croatia ne sme da poteni Northcote City, jer se moze provesti kao Polonija prole nedelje. Fawkes je "bratski" poklonio racu u Juventus, koji je obolio odbo razgovore o fuziji ova dva italijanska kluba. Neizvesnost na vrhu tabele prenela se na njen red, gde se iznenada probudio Helas, koji je postigao prvu pobedu, cime je ozivio borbu za opstanak u Drzavnoj ligi. Nece nas iznenaditi ako nova Helasova zrtva bude Juventus sa kojim se sastaje u subotu 23. jula na Middle Parku. Posto je neocikavano uzeo vazan bod Juventus, Cirkovic spojko docekuje sa svojim momcima i Sunshine George Cross, iako je ovaj klub mnogo jaci nego sto to pokazuje njegov polozaj na tabeli.

PRVA DIVIZIJA

ALTONA GATE/VARDAR — DONCASTER 1:1 (0:1). Gosti su necekivano poyeli sa 1:0, zbog cega je Vardar igrao nerazdvojno dok Fred Beller nije izjed-nacio u drugom poluvremenu. Da su navalni igrači bili malo prisibniji pred kraj utakmice, Vardar bi osvojio jos jedan vazan bod, koji bi mnogo vredeo u borbi za opstanak. U predgiri rezervu Doncastera pobedila je Vardar sa 1:0. U subotu 23. jula Altona Gate igra vaznu utakmicu protiv Kew Park Rangersa u gosti-ma, koja ce donekle razbistriti stanje na dnu tabele. Richmond je bez suspendovanog Rujevica (zbog tri zuta kartona) osvojio vazan bod protiv Melbournea u igri bez golova. Dragan Vasic je mogao vec u 1. minutu da se upise u strelce, kad se naseo oči u oči sa izvanrednim golmanom koji se nije dao prevartiti.

DRUGA DIVIZIJA

THOMASTOWN — DRUGI TIM J.U.S.T. 1:1 (1:1). "Plavi" su sretno izvukli neresen rezultat, jer

je domaci tim bio bolji u svakom pogledu po kisi i blatinjavom terenu. Istina, "plavi" su mogli da rese utakmicu u svoju korist prvih deset minuta, kada je domaca odbrana kiksirala tri do cetiri puta, ali na-valni igrači nisu bili dovoljno prisibni i snalazljivi na klizavom terenu. Iz jednog brzog protivnapada JUST je poveo sa 1:0 preko Pavla Simica, ali radost je kratko trajala. Najstariji igrač domaceg tima Menen presao je kao od sale pola tučeta "plavih" igrača i dodao svome centarofu takvu loptu da ovaj nije mogao da promisi sa nekoliko metara. Dva minuta pre toga Marino Oblak je izbio loptu sa golrte, posto je golman Michael Tan pogresno istrcao. Medjutim, golman Tan bice junak "plavog" tima u zadnjim sekundima igre kada je strahoviti udarac sa nekoliko metara odlio u kornjer, koji nije izveden posto je sudija otvirao kraj. Trener je pogresio sto je Caneta Veleuskog stavio na klupu za rezervne igraće, ali ovaj je napravio jos tezi prekrasj kada je ljutito otisao na napustio igraliste. Najbolji igrači bili su Emil Petrov i Nedeljko Rajic za JUST, dok je u domacem timu vidno otiskalo bivski kapiten drugog tima JUSTA Dany Akeski. U subotu 23. jula "plavi" igraju na svom igralistu protiv Heidelberg Uniteda.

RINGWOOD/SRBIA — DANDENONG CITY 1:0. Sa ovom pobedom i jednom manje utakmicom Srbija jos ima nade da izbori prelazak u prvu diviziju. Sledece posto Ringwood/Srbija gde je Ardeera, koji se greचितo bori za opstanak u drugoj diviziji.

NORTH DANDENONG — DRUGI TIM MAKE-DONJI 0:0. Veliki uspeh Makedonije, koja je nastu-pila sa skrpljenim timom, uglavnom juniorima bez is-kustva, ali sa lavovskim smrc. Junak ove utakmice je golman John Mamatis, star 16 godina, koji je u sampionskom stilu odbranio jedanaesterac u 8. mi-nutu, sudija je otvorenio pomogao domaci tim, ali ed-utu, sudija je otvorenio pomogao domaci tim, ali ed-utu, Zbog povrede nisu igrali Gary Ofraanakis, Isaac Farrell i Arthur Christov, dok je Can Stoykos bio is-ključen na prosloj utakmici, sto automatski povlaci suspenziju za sledeću utakmicu. Najbolji igrači: Jiny Belevski, Jiny Tanevski, Borce Momirovski i John Mamatis. U subotu 23. jula drugi tim Makedonije igra na svom igralistu protiv Nunawading Citya.

PRVA PROVIZIONALNA DIVIZIJA

CARLTON/MLADOST — CHELSEA 0:0. Posto je iznenadila voce timove ove divizije, Mladost umalo sto nije dozvela i sama iznenadjenje od poslednjeg na tabeli. U subotu 23. jula Mladost je gost Claytona.

LANGWARRIN — LALOR/SLOGA 3:3. U subotu 23. jula Lalor je domacin Hawksburnu, koji je naglo popustio, posto je prvih pet kola bio na celu tabele.

HAWSBURN — MELTON 1:4 (0:2). Zabaljavuci bogatiji zinnici bodova, koju je pripremio na pocetku sezone, Hawksburn moze sebi da dozvoli luksuz, da izgubi od poslednjeg na tabeli i to na svom terenu. Jedini gol postigao je Petar Olaskovic, koga je idealno posluzio Slavko Visic u 59. minutu. Najbolji igrači Andras Kazi, Steve Bleskanj i Sander Kazi. Rezerve su igralce nereseno 1:1 (1:1). Strelac Joe Foral, dok je Laci Palmo promasio jedanaesterac, posto je 12 puta bio nepogresiv sa bele tacke. Da bi povratio duh i dragustvo u Hawksburnu, Andras Kazi je posle utak-mice castio sve igraće prasetom sa raznja. Uz dobru kapljicu i pecenicu druzina je slozno zapevala, pa se ocekuje da ce posle ovoga i slozno igrati kao na po-cetku sezone.

TRECA PROVIZIONALNA DIVIZIJA

BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO — CHELTENHAM 5:3 (2:1). "Plavi" su izdrazili jos jedno iskusenje protiv neugodnog protivnika, koji ima opasnu navalu. Strel-ci: Milan Stojilovic 2, Petko Tomic, Dragoslav Jelcic i Hitko Kaim po jedan. Milan Stojilovic nije iskoristio jedanaesterac u 62. minutu, ali isto tako i gosti u 72. minutu, kada je Milan Mandic odbranio udarac sa bele tacke. Najbolji igrači: Dragan Janjic, Dragoslav Jelcic i Milan Stojilovic. Rezerva je pobedila sa 2:1 (1:1). Strelci: Stevan Janjic u 16. i Zlatko Basic u 46. minutu, dok Joe Francisti nije iskoristio jedanaeste-rac u 27. minutu. Sledeci protivnik Bratstva/Jedinstva je Altona/Vojvodina, koja se nije odrekla drugog mesta i veruje da se moze revanširati za poraz u prvom Jugo-derbiju.

MITCHAM — ALTONA/VOJVODINA 3:4 (1:3). Vojvodina je povelila sa 4:1, pa je pocela da se prigrva-va, sto je borbeni domacini iskoristio da smanji poraz, cak doveo u pitanje sigurnu pobedu gostiju. Adam Miller je postigao het-trik za Vojvodinu, dok je Slobodan Dimitrijević kao jedan, ali najljepši gol ove utakmice. Najbolji igrači: Slobodan Dimitrijević, Paul Gallo i Steve Vonja.

HAMPTON WANDERERS — PASCOE VALE/PE-LISTER 2:4 (1:2). Strelci: Tony Centarrino 2, Samy Valentino i Frank Brogionja po jedan. Sa ovom pobedom Pelister je sacuvao drugo mesto, a posto je odigrao utakmicu manje, kandidat je za prvo mesto, koje cvrsto drzi Bratstvo/Jedinstvo. U predgiri re-

zerva Pelistera preguzila je domaci tim sa 8:0. Strel-ci: Pero Perdevski 3, S. Cvetanovski 2, A. Graciani i P. Luciani po jedan. U subotu 23. jula Pelister igra na svom igralistu protiv West Melbournea.

CETVRTA PROV. DIVIZIJA

PARKMORE/PLAVI DUNAV — MOSSFIEL RANGERS 3:0 (2:0). Igrać Plavog Dunava Greg Ken-nemayer je verovatno postigao svetski rekord, ako su tacni bili satovi klubskih funkcionera, koji tvrde da je postigao dva gola u prvom minutu igre. Na treci gol ce cekalo do 70. minuta, a strelac je bio Robert Erdog. Najbolji igrači: Robert Erdog, Greg Kenemayer i Tibor Hadjimasi. U predgiri gosti su pobedili rezervu Plavog Dunava sa 2:0 (0:0). Varga Sander nije iskoristio jedanaesterac. U subotu 23. jula Plavi Dunav gostuje u North Sunshineu.

INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA

DOXA UNITED — TARAX 8:1 (0:0). Stara pesma naisti glas: "Plavi" veterani su igrali dobro do od-mora, a posle toga "izasila im je dusu na nos". Cast je spasao Stevan Kosovac. U nedelju 24. jula pre podne Tarax igra Jugo-derbi druge industrijske divizije protiv Altona/Ilindena na svojoj "Marakani". FLORINA — FOOTSCRAY/VARDAR 0:4 (0:2). Strelci: Cane 2, Kiro Serbevski i Slave Milevski po jedan. Najbolji igrači: Kiro Serbevski, Jane Bilevski i Mendo Talevski. U nedelju 24. jula Vardar igra na svom igralistu u Yarravillu protiv LETSa.

AMATERSKO PRVENSTVO

C. ZVEZDA — GAS CORPORATION 14:0 (9:0). Velika poba, koja ce dobro doći u konacnom obracu za prvo mesto. Protivnik je igrao sa 8 igrača, a Zvezdini igrači sa pola snage, inace bio rezultat bio duplo veci. Strelci: Mladen Mutic 5, Slavko Visic 3, Dragan Milenkovic 2, Soran Roksandic 2, Mile Jovanovic i Aca Dobrosavljevic po 1. U nedelju 24. jula Crvena zvezda igra u gostima protiv Preston Fohorai.

WESTALL — BOSNA 2:3 (1:2). Strelci: Ibro Had-zialbic u 6. minutu, Bruno Alekic u 37. i Milivoje Roganovic u 86. minutu. Bila je ovo teska i ravno-pravna utakmica, ali je na kraju pobedio bosanski strpljenje i upornost. Cetiri minuta pre kraja, kada su svi verovali da ce protivnici podeliti bodove, Milivoje Roganovic je izbio kao grom iz vedra neba pre gol Westalla i odbijenu loptu smestio u mrežu domaceg tima. U nedelju 24. jula Bosna docekuje Dandy Olympic na Burnley Ovalu.

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'Αρης Πάπας - Πρόεδρος, 'Υπευθύνος Τύπου Κέβιν Ζερβός - Αντιπρόεδρος.
Δ. Παλασιόνης - Γραμματέας.
Γ. Χαμακίωτης - Ταμίας.
Α. Λαζάρου - Β' Γραμματέας.
Σ. Κουράκης - Β' Ταμίας.
Σ. Καφαλίδης - Γενικός Άρχηγός.
Ν. Σερραφίγκος - Β'ορος ηττητός και ίμα-τιομολ.

Εδωβουλοί

Ν. Πατασάκης, Π. Κωστόπουλος, Ν. Μπαρβής.

Η ΕΛΛΑΣ ΤΟΥ ΣΤΕΡΗ ΑΝΤΙ ΜΕ ΠΡΟΔΟΧΗ ΜΙΟΡΕΙ ΝΑ ΕΛΘΕΙ ΣΤΗΝ ΚΑΤΗΓΟΡΙΑ

Μέ τήν νίκη της έντός έβρας η Έλλάς τοβ Στέητ Αθην άθεβείσε ότι μπορεί νά γλυτώσει τόν όπρωτο. Έ η νίκη ήλθε έπί τό Μόλγουελ 2-0 και με τέρματα ποδ πέτυχαν οι Κάμινγκς και Μπο-ζανφρσνυ με πέναλτυ στο 88' της συνάντη-σης.

Εός μεταξύ έγινε μια αναδιοργάνωση και στο Δ. Συμβούλιο της δμάδας τοβ Στέητ η όποια έχει ως έζης:
Γραμματέας Ανάλαβε ο Χρ. Κυριτσόπουλος. Βοηθός του ο Στέβ Πατασάκος. Γενικός Άρχηγός είναι ο Πήτερ Ντοβριος και βοηθός του ο Τζιμ Κασιόας. Ταμίας και μνατέρ ηττητός είναι ο Χρ. Πάπας και βοηθός του ο Άγγος Άργυρο-πούλος. Όπως μάς είπε ο κ. Ντοβριος, η προσπάθεια όλων ατή τη στιγμή είναι νά κρατηθελ η δμάδα στην κατηγορία.

ΤΟ 2-2 ΣΤΗΝ ΑΔΕΛΑΤΙΑ ΗΤΑΝ ΑΔΙΚΟ

"Εός 84" ένα φάουλ όπέρ τοβ Στελενίδ τό έβωσε ο ρεφερί ές βάρος του και μ' αυτό ίσοεφείσε η Έλλάς 'Αδελάτας. Πάντως ό-λα τά παιδιά έπαιξαν πολύ καλά και ένθυο σίασαν τόν προπονητή τους".

Από μάς είπε ο πρόεδρος τοβ Μέγα κ. Σαμ Γκουλόπουλος μόλις γύρισε από τήν 'Αδε-λατία όπου μετείχε στην άποστολή της δμά-δας του.

Ο ΚΩΔΕΙΝΑΙ ΜΟΝΑΔΑ

"Ο Γκέρν Κώλ είναι μεγάλη μονάδα γιά τήν έπίθεση του. Μιστώσε ότι έά γίνει άδίκη καλότερος". Μάς τό είπε ο φιλότιμος τεχνί

κός τοβ Μέγα Κέν Μόρτον μετά από τήν πρό-τη τοβ διεθνή ζανθομάλλη κυνηγού με τήν δμάδα του όπου πέτυχε και γκολ.

ΚΑΛΟΣ ΠΑΙΚΤΗΣ ΣΥΝΤΟΜΑ ΣΤΟΝ ΜΕΤΑ

"Όσοε τώρα ποδ γράφεται η στήλη ο Μέγας νά έχει έξαοφάσει έναν πολύ καλό παίκ-τη στην δυναμική του.

Πάντως ο κορυφαίος παράγων τοβ κιτρινό-μαυρου άπέφυγε νά μάς δώσει περισσότερες πληροφορίες πριν κλησει τό θέμα.

ΑΡΙΣΤΕΙΑ ΝΑ ΤΡΩΝΕ ΤΑ ΜΟΥΤΡΑ ΤΟΥΕ

Από τό γιά "πολλούς" λόγους τάχησαν ές βάρος της άπόφασης τοβ ίνανέστατον Δ. Συμβουλίου της Έλλάς ως προς τήν άλλαγή ποδ έγινε στην θέση τοβ τεχνικοδάρχησαν τάρα νά τρώνε τά μούτρα τους βλέποντας ό-τι η δμάδα άρχισε νά βρiscει με τόν Λέν Μακέντρυ τόν καλό της έαυτο.

Και έά φάνε μόλις καστοόκια όχι μόνο αυτόλ άλλα και μερικολ ποδ δέν τούς άρε-σε ο πετυχημένος Μακέντρυ. Είμαστε ός βέβαιον ότι έά έλθει η μέρα ποδ έά τό σφίγγουν τό χέρι.

"Όσο γιά τόν πρόεδρο κ. Άνεζκή ποδ πραγματικά σκέζεται γιά τό μεγαλειο της Έλλάς ήδη άρχισε νά δικαιώνεται.

Πάντως ένας από τούς κορυφαίους παράγου-τες της Έλλάς μάς είπε τήν προσωμένη Κυ-ριακή μέσα στο Πρές Ρούμ: "Βά έλθει η μέ-ρα ποδ έά μιλώμαι κατό έά ποδ πολλά γιά νά μβείε ο κόσμος της Έλλάς μερικολ "φρίδια" ποδ κώνουν όδθεν τούς φίλους τοβ σωματι-ου και δέν ντρέπονται.

"Όσο γιά τόν κ. Άνεζκή έά στεκώμαστε κοντά το γιαντί τό έζιζέι".

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT" O.M.



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Presents ROUND NINETEEN

This Sunday 24 July

FOOTSCRAY v BRISBANE LIONS

Schintler Reserve
K.O. 3 pm

PREVIOUS RESULTS

| | |
|----------|-----|
| '77..... | 4-2 |
| '78..... | 4-0 |
| '79..... | 3-1 |
| '80..... | 3-1 |
| '81..... | 2-0 |
| '82..... | 1-1 |



JOE CARROLL
(Footscray)



ALLAN HUGHES
(Brisbane Lions)

HEIDELBERG v CANBERRA ARROWS

Olympic Village
K.O. 3 pm

Previous results

| | |
|----------|-----|
| '77..... | 2-0 |
| '78..... | 0-1 |
| '79..... | 0-0 |
| '80..... | 2-0 |
| '81..... | 1-1 |
| '82..... | 1-2 |



MIKE PETERSEN
(Heidelberg)



TONY BRENNAN
(Canberra Arrows)